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Herd to face St George

By CRAIG MacKENZIE

maker's role.

Andy Humble, who joined Maclean this year in the move from Croydon to Croatia, also wants to leave. Humble at first wanted to join Preston Makedonia and Croatia officials tried to arrange a swap between Humble and

transfer listed Makedonia player Graham Heys. That fell through. Croatia claims that Makedonia wouldn't budge from its asking price of \$7,500 for Heys.

Now Humble wants to return to Croydon which has negotiated a loan deal with Croatia but that move also is up in the air thanks to the VSF which claims that Humble can't have a second transfer this season.

Does that mean that Humble must cool his heels through another season? If it does, then it is an indictment of rules which are so inflexible that they can arrest a player's development.

Croatia however, is getting on with the business of strengthening its squad and was expected to reach terms with Kiwi international goalscorer Clint Gosling as we went to press. Gosling joined the now defunct Hakoah from New

castle Rosebud earlier this year.

Even with O'Connor and

Sand in its line-up, St George will struggle to topple Croatia.

The clash on Sunday at Olympic Sports Field be-

tween Adelaide Juventus and Marconi should be a beauty.

Marconi strengthened its midfield last Friday with the signing of Tom McCullough from Hakoah for \$20,000 and he starred in Marconi's win over St George last weekend. But the youth and senior Soccerco were Marconi's only effective midfielders in a display which displeased coach Robert Vieri.

"I was very unhappy with the way we played, especially in the first half. We lacked

marconi boss.

Zlatko Nastevski has come on as a substitute in Marconi's West End League games this season and has done well so he's overdue for a berth in the starting line-up. Sunday may be the day Vieri gives the talented Nastevski a chance to show off his skills for 90 minutes.

Adelaide Juventus completely dominated the first half of its 2-2 draw with APIA but fell away in the latter stages. That must be a worry to coach Zoran Matic who, before the season kicked off, expressed doubts about the

ability of his 1886 national

championship winning side to

work out on-field problems

during its pre-season build-

up.

Aurelio Vidmar and the elu-

sive Charlie Villani were Juve's scorers against APIA

and no doubt Vieri will in-

struct his men not to give them too much latitude.

If Juve puts it together

throughout the contest, it will

be more than a match for

Marconi though which is hav-

ing finely drilled tactics.

For today JUST was hoping

to have Ovcar Crno in its side

when it squares up to South

Melbourne Hellas at Schineller Reserve on Sunday.

JUST hopes soon to field a

midfielder with Cane and

Radicovcic. Jack fitness but

once this midfield combination knits together JUST will

be on its way.

Beznovski will be back in

action following his sendin-

g in the opening match of

the league against Preston Makedonia and the

former Hellas player will be

out to prove a point here.

However, Hellas goes into

the match as favorite. Despite

the presence of quality play-

ers like Tyrone James, Tom

Karie and Eddie Campbell in

the JUST defence, the home

side will be hard pressed to

keep Charlie Egan, Danny

Wright and Danny Crainie at bay while Paul Wade's ability to shoot into dangerous position inside the JUST area will pose plenty of problems for goalkeeper Zoran Nikitovic.

Sunshine George Cross will tread warily on Sunday, hoping to get out of the Ion's den relatively unscathed. Cross travels to the Croatian Sports Centre to take on league leader Sydney Croatia which has scored 10 goals in just two games and already looms as the team to beat this year.

The Melbourne outfit, su-

perbly drilled by coach John

Gardiner, will place emphasis

on pressuring Croatia and

trying to stifle the flair and

creativity which is Croatia's hallmark.

Can Cross close down Cro-

atia well enough to achieve a

point here?

I doubt it.

Robbie Slater, Zarko Odz-

kov and Graeme Arnold are

in superb touch and loom as

the main dangers to George

Cross.

Croatia should win, even

though Hakoah's exit from the

West End NSL gave Gardiner

an extra week to try and solve

the problems as evident in

Cross's 3-0 loss to South Mel-

bourn Helias in the first

round of the season.

Heidelberg Alexander

clashes with APIA at Olympic

Village on Sunday while

Brunswick Juventus tackles

Sydney Olympic at Olympic

Park No 1.

Heidelberg coach John

Margaritis achieved immedi-

ate success when he pushed

little Peter Tsakalis forward

to link up with

every goal as Heidelberg con-

vincingly accounted for JUST

3-0.

And Margaritis' first big

signing for Heidelberg —

Scott Fraser from Green Gully

— made a dream debut by

scoring a cracking, long

range goal in the first half.

APIA could be without

striker Hilton Phillips who

suffered a badly gashed foot

against Adelaide Juventus but

Rasic still can call on men of

quality in Red Brown and

Gary Ward to fly APIA's flag

up front.

A draw wouldn't surprise.

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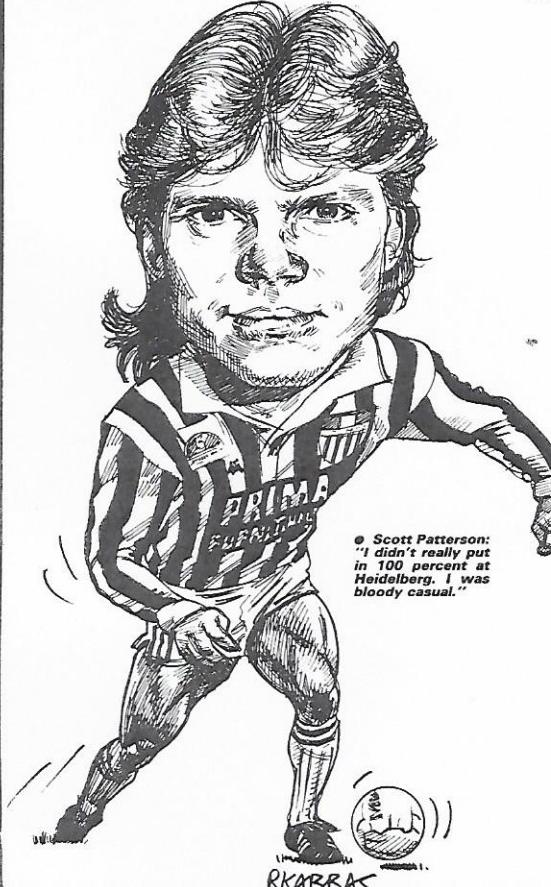
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Juve 'Bad boy' hits out at Heidelberg



Scott Patterson:
"I didn't really put in 100 percent at Heidelberg. I was bloody casual."

His mates call him "SP". He's the president of the Brunswick Juventus players' singles club (Joe Palatsides lost the vice-presidency when he "fell in love") and "SP" is a bit of a boyo, let me tell you.

I hear that Scott Patterson holds the pot-skulling record at his former club Heidelberg and there were times when some of his off-field exploits were legend.

He's been called a "bad boy" in a prominent Melbourne newspaper and his red hair and North Irish genealogy suggest that there's plenty of fire in his soul.

There is.

Listened to him talking about his three-year-stint with Heidelberg:

"There were times when you had to wait for weeks to get your money and there were plenty of dissatisfied boys there, let me tell you."

"It's different at Juventus. Joe Caruso is the man who makes the place tick. He even says to you if you have any problems come up to him and let him know. At Heidelberg they didn't want to hear about your problems."

"To be honest I didn't really put in 100 percent at Heidelberg. I was bloody casual. My attitude's changed a lot at Juventus. Len McKendry's put that right — not by doing anything in particular — just by being McKendry."

Patterson never got on with former Heidelberg coach Brian Garvey, now with South Melbourne Hellas.

"I reckon Garvey didn't like me. I reckon he rated me a bit as a player though but he couldn't get the best out of me. Frankly it was bloody magic to get away."

"Listen to this one. The day after I joined Juventus after going to the appeals board twice and finally getting their ridiculous transfer fee of \$15,000 knocked down to \$8,500, Garvey brings me up and asks me why I left. I can't believe about him. I didn't. I just said that I'm a Juventus player now and that's all there is to it and ended the bloody conversation there."

Early last month Juventus played a friendly game against Victorian club Holland Park. That was when Patterson, essentially used as a left sided attacking player throughout

his career, found himself lining up on the right of Juve's midfield, a role he thoroughly enjoys.

"Last year at Juventus Robbie Cullen was on the left and I was up front. When the club bought Sean Lane this year McKendry at first wanted to play on the left of midfield with Robbie to the left against Holland Park and used me on the right and it worked well."

Just ask Marconi how well it works. Juventus completely dominated the Sydney Siders in the opening round of the 1987 West End NSW two weeks ago.

"I couldn't believe the score. I got in the first minute of that game. I just held my position out wide and suddenly I'm clear inside their area. I should have bloody scored."

"I reckon the Sydney teams don't close down and pressure as well as we do. We used to watch them last year on the TV and we couldn't believe the room those guys got up there."

"I think Marconi expected to come down here and be allowed to play but he doesn't allow anyone to play."

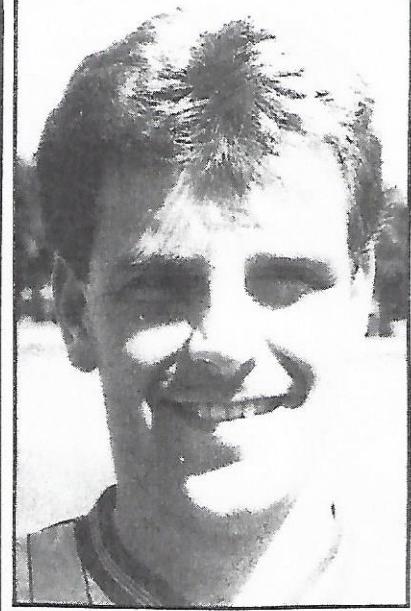
Patterson reckons that he's set for a big year in 1987.

"Yeah, I feel pretty good about this year. I think we're going to have a good season and I like playing out wide. It gives me more of a chance to run at defenders which is what I like the way I received the ball and my general understanding of what was going on around me."

"Sean (Lane) and big (Vlakko) Belic will do well for us this year. I know what it's like for Sean on goalkeeping, used to be the way McKendry wants to play but he's improving his fitness level as every week goes by and once he's really buzzing you'll see a top attacking combination in him and Andrew Zini."

"Belic, like Sean, wasn't fit when he joined us but he's improving in that area too and I reckon the big bloke can do a job for us."

And Patterson meanwhile will be doing a job on a few defenders as he gallops towards them like a steam train, using the tremendous running power he possesses which has gone to waste for far too long.



Alex Robertson: "If it had been up to us things would have remained as they were. But it wasn't up to us."

Robertson: Thomson the best I've seen

By
JOHN MANGAN

Few people were more affected by the turmoil at Sydney Hakoah than Alex Robertson whose connection with the club goes back to 1978.

The Scottish defender had been with the club for many of its triumphs including Hakoah's championship in the first-ever national league in 1977.

"A lot of us have a sentimental attachment to the club and if it had been up to us things would have remained as they were," he says. "But it wasn't up to us."

Robertson is not the only long server at the club. Both Murray Barnes and Steve O'Connor were at Hakoah when he joined and all of them suddenly found themselves being granted free transfers last week.

While Barnes and O'Connor were with the club continuously since 1974, Robertson returned to Scotland in 1978 and spent three years there before deciding to return here.

"I phoned up Eddie (Thompson) when I decided to head back to Australia and he said there was still place for me here."

The Hakoah club's decision last week that it could not afford the \$300,000 plus necessary to field a successful soccer side this season and subsequent withdrawal from the

National League was as much a shock to Robertson as it was for all soccer fans.

He attributes the club's situation to general economic trends.

"There's just not as money around as there used to be. The club has always had diverse interests putting its money into other areas and decided that it could not afford to sponsor the soccer team for more than \$250,000 this year. Unlike a lot of clubs we don't have large crowd support and some clubs can raise a lot of money at the gate we have virtually no income from that source."

Born in Edinburgh, Robertson supported Hearts as a boy but began his top-class career with Dundee. He came out to Australia and then returned after four years to play with Dunfermline and decide where he wanted to make his permanent home.

Choosing Australia brought him back into contact with Eddie Thompson, a coach Robertson rates extremely highly.

"One of the coaches I've come into contact with in my time here, he is the most knowledgeable on tactics and subsequent withdrawal from the

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EDDIE'S TAKING THINGS EASY

Eddie Thomson is not straining at the leash to secure a new club.

The big Scot is currently winding up the affairs of Sydney Hakoah and said: "It will take two or three weeks to clear things up."

The club is determined to do the right thing by the players, so I want to get them settled in elsewhere.

"There isn't anyone of them in the squad who is below National League standard."

"For example, I haven't seen defender Steve O'Connor in better form. He has been swimming and cross country running as part of a special education teacher's course and he is super fit."

"Along with Murray Barnes, Ian Souness and Alex Robertson, he will have a free transfer to wherever he wants to go."

"As soon as the club's affairs are straightened out my wife and I will hop on a plane for Queensland to enjoy a week's break in the sun."

He is relieved that the Hakoah episode is at an end.

"I've been through all sorts of trials since I began as a professional in Edinburgh at the age of 17."

"The Sydney City situation is one which I unfortunately took to take in my stride."

"It was a very difficult task to motivate the players to give their best in front of crowd that were limited at times to a couple of hundred people."

"Now I need a short break to take stock of my position."

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TO THE EDITOR

SIR — After reading Andrew

Dettre's column last week and his scathing attack on my character and ability, I feel a need to reply in order to let you know a little bit about myself.

I came out from Scotland at the age of eight and learned all my soccer in Western Australia. All I have ever dreamed of is playing for Australia, and I have moved away from my family to do so.

I have played for five years in the National League and have won the club Fairest and Best awards in three of those five years (not bad for a run-of-the-mill player). In case you don't already know, you don't win those awards unless you get sent off and may I state now that I have never been sent off in all of my soccer career.

I have been labelled by my coaches along the way as either too soft or a "gentle giant" or not aggressive enough. I do not brag about the infamous tackle I did on Lamond in that game, nor am I proud of it. It happened in a flash and I would never mean to hurt or maim anyone intentionally.

Incidentally, I noticed a Sydney City player and an ex-Sydney City player were sent off that weekend, but I saw no mention of it in your column.

By the way, if you ever finish with "Soccer Action" I know a few people who would be interested in pessimists, like yourself, in sport.

I really feel sorry for Mr Dettre as your outlook on life must be pretty dim if your columns are anything to go by. I used to read them until I got sick of your continual whingeing and detrimental statements to Australian soccer, and if it was within your power (thank God it isn't) Australian soccer would die days ago.

I also feel sorry for Emery, Kamaz, Reilly, Lederer and Taubman who are breaking their necks trying to get sponsors and generally trying to improve the game only to be knocked by armchair critics like yourself.

Why don't you change now before you are too old and put something into the game instead of predicting doom and gloom for all of us.

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NEC to back Everton clash?

The VSF is trying to clinch a sponsorship deal with NEC for the promotion of the Everton v. Australia game at Olympic Park on Wednesday June 3.

NEC sponsors Everton, which currently is challenging for the English First Division championship.

The VSF sees the Everton game as a great chance to re-establish its reputation as the most successful organiser of overseas tours in Australia.

The Everton-Australia clash is being co-promoted by the VSF and the Auckland Football Association which is celebrating its centenary year.

The VSF needs a crowd of about 12,000 for the Olympic Park match in order to break even. Everton will receive about \$45,000 for the game and on top of that the VSF has to pay part

By
CRAIG
MACKENZIE

of Everton's accommodation costs.

Clinching a deal with NEC for all the promotional aspects of the match would be a second major coup for the VSF which already has signed up David Robb to handle the sale of signage at Olympic Park for the big clash.

VSF chairman Jack Reilly is the instigator of the sponsorship drive which is the first time the federation has made such a move for an international fixture.

"At the last ASF World Cup committee meeting I raised the possibility of the VSF organising tours like they had done so successfully in the past," said Reilly.

"I think the days of private promoters are just about finished. The VSF has a proven track record in this field and it's about time that people who know that the ball is round are given the responsibility of arranging tours by overseas teams."

The Everton game is the VSF's first venture into that area since Watford played Victoria back in 1983. The VSF made an \$8,000 profit from the match.

The biggest money-spinner for the federation was the first tour by the New York Cosmos. The second Cosmos tour lost money, only the second time that occurred between 1971 and 1983. Red Star Belgrade, for example, earned the VSF \$29,000 during its first visit in the 1970s.

In all, the VSF has made just over \$250,000

from overseas tours since 1971 — a record unmatched by any other State federation.

The now dormant marketing arm of the ASF took over the responsibility for all tours by overseas clubs and countries towards the end of 1983, thereby effectively closing the door on a major source of income for the VSF.

The Socceroos will pay their own travel costs for the Olympic Park clash. The VSF will pay accommodation costs and national team players' expenses for two days.

Reilly is confident that the game will be a huge success.

"Just think, we could have the English First Division champions on show in Melbourne and it will be the last chance for the soccer public to view the Socceroos before they head off to Seoul for the President's Cup. That looks like a pretty good drawcard to me," he said.

Soccer should go back to the schools

THE
ANDREW
DETRE COLUMN



Soccer in this country — or any other country, for that matter — will never be a "national sport" until it has gained a very firm, preferably dominant role in high schools.

The game must have this vast and rich hinterland in order to produce tomorrow's players, coaches, officials — and spectators.

At present, soccer has

made only partial, in some cases token inroads in schools.

The importance of being No. 1 sport in high schools cannot be emphasised enough. It's the No. 1 football code which has first choice of talent among the boys — usually selecting the majority of "football types", the strongest, fastest, cleverest and keenest.

Soccer, along with other sports, is next. Of course, quite a lot of naturally gifted youngsters still end up playing soccer in schools (especially migrant kids) — but the fact remains that the cream has been skimmed off by other football codes — rugby, Aussie Rules, etc.

In every country of the world where soccer is the major sport, there are two rich sources of talent: the streets and the schools.

In places like South America (especially Brazil), Africa and parts of Asia, a vast reservoir of the game comes from a "street culture". In most European countries "park football" has been replaced by vast networks of school competitions.

In Australia, we have neither — at least on a sizeable scale.

All this should be pretty obvious to our leading administrators. Perhaps it is. But I fear it is not.

Precious little is being done to rectify the situation. It's a gigantic task, that would take huge sums of money and many years of hard labor.

So I prefer to ignore it.

It is a humanly understandable trait that you think with smaller problems which carry the promise of easy solution; if not a solution, at least a measure of temporary glitter.

So all or most of soccer's efforts are poured into two highly visible areas: the Socceroos and the NSL.

The Socceroos titillate the national ego and are the only surefire way of getting major media attention.

Whether they win or lose, reach the World Cup finals or fail, is of little importance for future of the game here — as we have been after 1974

and as others, such as North Korea, Israel, Iran and New Zealand have also experienced following their fleeting moments of glory.

The NSL is a different proposition: it is the peak of the iceberg — without any real iceberg below. Yet it is necessary, and quite competitive to satisfy those soccer aficionados — mainly ethnic — who like to watch the game at the highest available level.

However, by now there must be volumes of evidence to prove that without proper hinterland — namely: high schools where soccer is No. 1 sport — neither the Socceroos nor the NSL can hope to achieve real relevance.

I have no illusions about this: it would be a colossal job to change the situation. It could take 10 years, maybe 20; it may not even be possible.

No wonder all our soccer administrations have avoided

this problem.

But I really feel that sooner or later, soccer will be forced, through repeated failure, to examine its true resources and work out some sort of masterplan which, at long last, would provide the game with the necessary foundations: tens of thousands of organised and coached schoolboys — who want to play soccer and aren't just forced to, after being rejected by other codes.

Money could be one problem. It's one thing to persuade a sponsor to cough up a hundred grand or more for the high-profiled national team and quite another thing to get them to buy 25,000 quality soccer balls for schools.

Yet I think such a vast project is not impossible but should be attempted, utilising all the organisational and coaching resources of the state federations, amateur organisations and juniors.

FA Cup on ABC

ABC-TV has confirmed it will present a live satellite telecast of the 1987 English FA Cup Final on Saturday, May 16.

Recent negotiations between the network and the independent broadcaster Skychannel have resulted in ABC-TV gaining access to this year's final.

Skychannel obtained the Australian transmission rights to the 1987 FA Cup Final and will beam the game, via its own satellite network, to clubs and hotels across the nation.

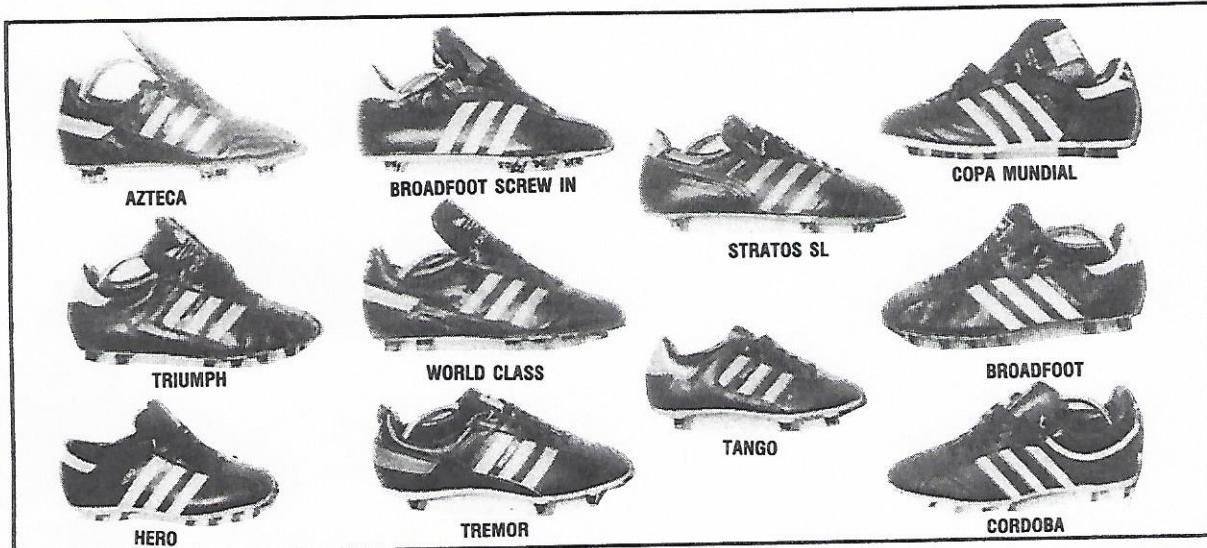
While this created an initial threat to

Australian television audiences seeing this year's final — one of the world's major sporting spectacles — ABC-TV continued discussions with Skychannel to ensure a live telecast for viewers.

The final, to be played at London's Wembley Stadium on Saturday, May 16, will be televised in the 50 countries. Live coverage will commence at 10.30pm with a preview of the teams and the competing teams. The satellite telecast will begin at around 11.45pm (AEST).

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George Cross, back row: Andrew Marth, John Campisi, Don MacLaren, Paul Trimboi, Andy Edwards, Tom Markovski. Middle row: Steve Richardson, Shaun Parton, John Markovski, Sean Keogh, Kevin Innes, Carl Gilder, Noel Mitten. Front row: Roger Bain, Chris Taylor, Jeff Faulkner, Richard Falzon, Robert Markovski. Missing: Lou Kestner. Picture: LES SHORROCK.

Parton: We were garbage!

Shaun Parton pumps iron most days, is always pumped up when he runs onto the pitch and pumps out his disgust at George Cross' display against South Melbourne Hellas the other week like an angry geyser.

"We were a bloody disaster. Normally, if one or two guys are playing poorly, you can cover for it, but there's nothing you can do when you've got 10 bad players," said Parton.

"Danny Crainie's hardly got a kick against us in the past, but him and Postecoglou ran riot and Hellas got out of their back four too easily."

"The only bloke in our side that you could excuse is Sean Keogh who made some excellent saves and really, was a bit unlucky to walk off the pitch with three goals chalked up against him. But the rest of us were garbage."

Parton and his team mates didn't have a chance to atone last weekend as Hakoah's withdrawal from the West End NSL left George Cross with a bye.

So now we'll have to wait till this weekend to see if the men of George Cross can live up to the high expectations of their staunch band of supporters.

"I think we came down to earth with a bang against Hellas. Everyone was staggered really, because you just don't score three goals against George Cross.

Maybe some of us thought that we were a bit better than we really are. I don't know. I certainly think that we're a good side and before the Hellas game I expected us to do well. We've made some really good signings this year."

The player Parton is referring to are Paul Trimboi and Ross Markovac, already is one of the stars of the National Youth Team, while Markovac was one of the finest teenage talents Parton had ever seen. They played together at Mcelbourne Croatia a few seasons ago.

"When Robbie was 16 I said that he was the best youngster I'd ever seen and Trimboi is an unbelievably good prospect. We've been really lucky to get them for nothing, in fact John Gardner (the George Cross coach) has been very shrewd with his signings over the past couple of seasons. I think I'm his most expensive signing and it only cost \$50,000, which is peanuts in the National League nowadays."

Indeed, Parton's contract with George Cross expires this year and he's got a maximum transfer fee of \$10,000 on his head. He's just 25 and his strength, pace and aggression makes competitive clubs take him one of the finest central defenders in the league.

He's one of the main men George Cross fans will look to this season as the side tries to not only establish itself in the revamped NSL but also aims for a finals berth.

"I've been impressed so far by Margaritis' thoroughness. He has talked to all the players letting them know exactly what he wants, and everybody seems to be responding and putting in the effort for him," said Fraser.

"Heidelberg is an ambitious club and the people here will be doing everything they can to win the league this season. There's no lack of talent. Obviously Jeff Oliver is outstanding — he's 100 percent dedicated and he has so much experience."

"The defence is very strong with Alan Hunter and Theo Selenidis and up front there's a

By JOHN MANGAN

A four-month saga came to an end last Friday when Heidelberg and Green Gully finally agreed terms for the transfer of Scottish full-back or midfielder Scott Fraser to the Bergers for \$7,000.

Heidelberg and a couple of other clubs had been courting the former Glasgow Rangers player since last December but Gully dampened their enthusiasm by slapping a \$25,000 fee on his head.

However, as Gully's Victorian State League chasing team began to take shape the club agreed to let Fraser go.

"I told the club that I wanted to move in the National League this year, just as any player would and they came round to my way of thinking."

Leaving a club which has established itself as favorite for this season's Buffalo State League — and indeed for promotion back to the National League next year — Fraser is now settling in at a club which has experienced a managerial shake-up in the last few weeks.

New Coach John Margaritis has made it his top priority since taking over the reins from Roy MacLaren who had to retire due to business reasons, to trim Heidelberg's large squad and when one of Heidelberg's three visa spots became available he snapped up Fraser.

"I've been impressed so far by Margaritis' thoroughness. He has talked to all the players letting them know exactly what he wants, and everybody seems to be responding and putting in the effort for him," said Fraser.

"Heidelberg is an ambitious club and the people here will be doing everything they can to win the league this season. There's no lack of talent. Obviously Jeff Oliver is outstanding — he's 100 percent dedicated and he has so much experience."

"The defence is very strong with Alan Hunter and Theo Selenidis and up front there's a

but his former coach at Rangers, Jock Wallace, recommended he join Murray, who was an old friend of his.

"Obviously last year for Gully was a bit of a disaster. We were unlucky in the first six or seven games where we would either draw or lose by one goal. Once you're on the bottom it's hard to climb back. The club hoped to finish higher and cement its place in the smaller National League this year, but we ended up on the bottom."

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Macleod has kept most of last year's team together and strengthened it with the acquisition of another Scottish import, Joe O'Donnell, and former Brunswick Juventus striker Joe Sweeney.

"They're a good bunch of boys and it's a very close-knit group. There's a good relationship between Gus and the players. They're aiming to return to the National League and the attitude seems to be right. The team has come back from being a goat down a number of times already this season and if things continue to go as they have done then they should get promoted."

Fraser's closest connection with Australia before travelling out here was with Davie Mitchell when the Socceroo forward was with Rangers.

"I can see why his Australian friends like him so much — both on and off the pitch. We had a few big nights out after games and he said to me one night, 'You know, your playing really reminds me of a mate of mine back in Australia.' But to this day I haven't found out who it is I reminded him of!"

Fraser joined Rangers when he turned 20 after two years with Haddington Athletic juniors. John Greg was the coach who signed him, but it was his successor, Jock Wallace, who gave Fraser his break in the first team — though he played over 100 games in the second team.

"Playing at Rangers was a tremendous experience. The set-up there is amazing. Walking in is like walking into a museum — there is just so much

tradition. The way they approach the game is an education and stands you in good stead for the ups and downs of the game."

And what was it like when Rangers met old rival Glasgow Celtic?

"The atmosphere was unbelievable. I've been to some big games but even when Scotland played England at Hampden or Wembley it wasn't as big as those Glasgow derbies."

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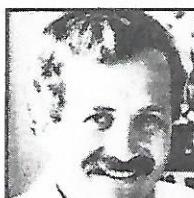
bit of skill as well. I used to play against Laurie McKenna in Scotland when he was with Kilmarnock."

"Another of the forwards I like is Peter Tokakis. I played against him last year and he really is a very tricky customer. — and very quick."

Fraser came to Australia in March last year to join Green Gully which at the time was coached by George Murray. Both Brisbane City and West Adelaide Hellas had approached Fraser when he decided to try his luck overseas

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tions between Krcevic and Arok, accompanied by some rather unfortunate remarks from the player.

It is odds-on that he won't be a substitute come 1988.

That leaves the other three.

Dorigo has made it crystal clear that he isn't interested in representing the land of his birth and in view of his utter lack of expressed interest in this country's international campaigns, the sentiment should be reciprocated.

Perhaps it would be worthwhile making an attempt at reconciliation.

Last, but not least, in this distinguished group we have Craig Johnston.

As of now the Liverpool star

isn't

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Cup. Following the publication of his outspokenly honest — and therefore highly controversial — book, he was fired by the national team and his club, FA Kotaro.

Things are looking a bit better as of last week.

Player agents are treadng on each other's toes in a rush to gain Schumacher's signature.

They have come representing Portuguese, Spanish, Dutch and Italian clubs and — most interestingly — from Pal-



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WEST END NSL DETAILS

West End NSL Standings

	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Syd. Croatia	2	0	0	2	10	4
Adel. Juventus	1	1	0	3	6	3
APIA Leichhardt	1	1	0	3	5	3
Preston Makedonia	1	1	0	1	2	3
S. Melb. Hellas	1	0	1	2	4	2
Marconi	1	0	1	2	3	2
Heidelberg	1	0	1	4	4	2
Bruno. Juventus	1	0	1	3	2	2
Melb. Croatia	1	0	1	6	3	2
Footscray JUST	0	1	1	3	0	1
Syd. Olympic	0	0	1	4	1	0
George Cross	0	0	1	3	0	0
St. George	0	0	2	5	1	0

HEIDELBERG 3 (Fraser 39th, Selemidis 74th, Tsolakis 80th) FOOTSCRAY JUST 0 at Olympic Village. Crowd: 3000 (estimate).

HEIDELBERG: Oliver 5 - Kanasoulis 5, Ketsakidis 6, Hunter 5, Marley 5, Selimidis 5, Fraser 5, Lucchesi 7, Anastasiadis 5 - Tsalikas 6, McKenna 5. Coach: John Margaritis.

FOOTSCRAY JUST: Nikolic 4, Van Emond 5 (Barattacaros 74th), Karic 6, James 4, Campbell 6, Lazopoulos 4, Curovic 4, Tapani 3, Radivojevic 3, Butrik 5 (3rd), Latif 3, Spin 3. Coach: Drago Sekularac.

Best six: 6. Lucchesi (H), 5. Karic (FJ), 4. Ketsakidis (H), 3. Campbell (FJ), 2. Tsolakis (H), 1. Kanasoulis (H).

MARCONI 2 (Nastevski 52nd, Farina 72nd) ST GEORGE 0 at Marconi Stadium. Crowd: 1707.

MARCONI: Catlin 7 - Carter 7, Henderson 6, Sterrey 6, Wheatley 6, Mason 6, Lowe 6, Carbone 6 (Nastevski 46th), 7) McCullough 7 - Farina 6, Maxwell 6 (Gunning 60th). Coach: Roberto Vieri.

ST GEORGE: Gibson 6 - Green 7, Kuksar 7, O'Shea 6, Slavesci 6 - Recy 5, Moroff 6, Porter 7, Petkovski 5 (Ollerenshaw 61st, 5), Koezka 6, Owens 7 (3rd). Fletcher 5. Coach: Frank Arok.

Best six: 6. McCullough (M), 5. Kuleski (SG), 4. Carter (M), 3. Porter (SG), 2. Catlin (M), 1. Nastevski (M).

APIA 2 (Zajmi 76th, Brown 87th) ADELAIDE-JUVENTUS 2 (Vidmar 2nd, Villani 15th) at Lambert Park. Crowd: 2115.

APIA: Pezzano 7 - Yanks 6 - M Brown 7, Bertogna 8, Tredinnick 6, Zajmi 7, Bundalo 7, Lorenz 6 (Brady 46th), Ward 7 (1st), Butler 6 - Phillips 6, R Tobin 8 - Villani 7, Santrao 6, Metta 7, Mullen 6 - Wilde 6, Vidmar 7. Coach: Zoran Matic.

Best six: 6. Flounders (AJ), 5. Bertogna (A), 4. Tobin (AJ), 3. McNally (AJ), 2. R Brown (A), 1. Vidmar (AJ).

MELBOURNE CROATIA 2 (Cullen own goal 4th, Wallace 68th) BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS 0 at Olympic Park. Crowd: about 2,500.

MELBOURNE CROATIA: Runje 6 - McIntosh 7, Davidson 7, Dunn 8 - Blakic 7, MacLean 5 (Humble 79th), Campbell 5, Lemezina 6, Scott 6 - Paul Lewis 5, Wallace 5. Coach: Terry Hennessy.

BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS: Marrama 6 - Peter Lewis 5, Yzendoorn 5 (sent off 90th), Brown 5, Incantapalo 5, Patterson 5, Djukovic 6, Grbic 5 (Ball 57th), Cullen 5 - Zihni 4, Lane 4. Coach: Len McKendry.

Best six: 6. Dunn (MC), 5. McIntosh (MC), 4. Biskic (MC), 3. Davidson (MC), 2. Scott (MC), 1. Djukovic (B).

PRESTON MAKEDONIA 2 (Smith 39th, Ilioski 51st) SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS 1 (Egan 70th).

PRESTON: Traianides 6 - McLennan 5, Puculoski 4, Jackson 5, Opasini 6 - Stewart 8, Campbell 7, Tasevski 5 (Jolevski 69th), Ilioski 6 - Smith 3, Gojevic 3. Coach: Bill Murray.

SOUTH MELBOURNE: Launets 2 - Russell 4, McDowell 4, Blair 4, Postecoglou 5 - Miranda 6, Wade 5, Stevenson 5, Crainie 4 (Murphy 55th), Wright 5, Egan 5. Coach: Brian Garvey.

Best six: 6. Stewart 5, Ron Campbell (both PM), 4. Miranda (SMH), 3. Opasini 2, Ilioski (both PM), 1. Egan (SMH).

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Eddie Thomson — could he be taking over the coaching reins at Marconi with Roberto Vieri becoming the club's new manager?

Thomson to take over from Vieri?

Marconi 2 St George 0

At Marconi Stadium
Crows Nest Park.
Referee: Gary Power 9.
Cautions: Green, Slavesci
(SG); Mason (M).
Scorers: Nastevski 52nd,
Farina 72nd.

The first points of the season were claimed by Marconi last Sunday but few were pleased with the performance of the high-flying Fairfielders.

In fact the two sides battled through an uneven first half with St George a shade the better, more composed and just a bit faster to the ball.

Ken Slavesci and Stuart Porter both had shots parried. Bob Catlin saved from Slavesci, then came the one from Porter which sailed wide. Both were all that could offer. As far as Marconi was concerned its players went two metres forward and three backward.

At half time, Roberto Vieri replaced Attilio Carbone with Zlatko Nastevski and the result was immediate. He exchanged passes with David Lowe two minutes into the second half but his shot went wide. However, Nastevski was soon to make amends as Robert Wheatley sent a superb through ball for Nastevski who ran between two Saints and

hit into an open net.



Alex Vesic

Man of the match: TOM McCULLOCH (Marconi)

then struck a great left footer which beat Gibson with ease.

Marconi looked lethargic despite its lead and Vieri made yet another change hoping to see his side live up. Geoff Gunning replaced Stephen Maxwell but very little changed in the pattern of this game.

Then, in the 72nd, David Lowe took on Mike O'Shea and much to my surprise waltzed around O'Shea then raced along the bye-line before cutting back for Frank Farina to hit into an open net.

Eddie Thomson, assistant national coach and the man who was in charge at Sydney City for 10 years, was not at the Sydney Olympic v. Croatia game as most anticipated. It was looking on very cheerfully in the press room at Marconi!

Rumors are rife that Marconi will make a bid to sign Australia's most successful coach at club level. What will then happen to Vieri? My guess is that he might become the new football manager of Marconi!

If my guess is right a number of Sydney City players will follow their coach to the new club and Marconi's soccer chairman, Tony Labbozetta, would have made his best purchase yet!

I am only guessing, of course.

As for Frank Arok and his charges, well his team of enthusiastic youngsters fought hard but that was all they could do in the circumstances. If Saini is to do well I suspect that Arok will have to put in some strong bids for some of the Sydney Hakoah men.

He certainly needs to do that. There is no way his current team will survive in the league!

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Oscar Crino to face South on Sunday!



Knut Werner

Heidelberg 3 Foot. JUST 0

Scorers: Fraser 39th, Selemidis 74th, Tsolakis 80th.

Venue: Olympic Village.

Attendance: 3000

(estimated)

Cautions: Kanesoulis, Hunter, Karic.

Referee: Arthur Owens 7.

Footscray JUST team manager, Joe Stepin, predicted before the game that Oscar Crino would be cleared by Tuesday of this week and would be rushed into the squad for this Sunday's match against South Melbourne Hellas.

If that happens there will be a quartet of relieved men in Tom Karic, Eddie Campbell, Tyrone James and Gary Van Egmond.

These four practically carried Footscray for most of the match absorbing pressure galore every time Heidelberg came forward and went through an almost non-existent Footscray midfield.

It was hard to believe this was the same Ernie Tapai that strode around the middle of the park like he owned it last year.

This time he was disposed more often than not probably through the inability to get any support from the three partners.

Footscray must really find a ball winner in the middle of the park otherwise its huge investment in Oscar Crino may prove worthless.

The hint from the JUST camp is that the club may end up signing Costa Theodosopoulos once the Green Gully midfielder recovers from an injury which has stopped him training for the past fortnight.

On Sunday, Crino sat in the makeshift Press area with the suspended Vlado Bozinovski and captain Zdravko Lujic who pulled out of the game before the kick-off with a tendon injury.

Lujic's absence made the JUST forward line more insipid than could be expected and although JUST saw a lot more of the ball, it never looked as threatening anywhere near the area as Heidelberg did when going forward.

Inspired by a good performance by Claude Lucchesi

from the middle of the park,

Heidelberg got the crowd buzzing

everytime it broke into at-

tack and it was only the efforts of Karic, Campbell and to a lesser extent Van Egmond that prevented a really embarrassing scoring line.

The result maintained the unbelievable record that Heidelberg has in encounters with JUST.

The hoodoo has lasted over the 10 seasons of National League competition and has been broken with only one victory in the 21 encounters between the pair.

Heidelberg went into the match with a number of positional changes and without NZ international Andy Deeley, who was dropped after missing two training sessions during the week.

Coach John Margaritis switched Peter Tsolakis from midfield to partner Laurie McKinnon up front. Theo Selemidis was restored to his old midfield spot while the biggest surprise was the swap of John Kanesoulis from midfield to the right back position.

Kanesoulis tackled the new position as if his life depended on it and ended up in referee Owens' book after only three minutes after a bad tackle on Alex Radivojevic, who was hardly sighted after that and was eventually replaced.

On this showing, Kanesoulis deserves further opportunities to prove his worth in the spot.

Footscray JUST had the best chances for over 35 minutes but it emphasised the striking weakness when the best efforts on goal came from a 20 metres drive from Karic at the 20 minute mark.

Scott Fraser, making his debut as a defensive midfielder after his rushed \$7000 transfer from Green Gully, changed the course of the game with a goal in the 39th minute.

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Ratcliffe slams Lukic!



Peter Scott

Man of the match:
ZARKO ODZAKOV
(*Syd. Croatia*)

Syd. Olympic 1
Syd. Croatia 4

*Scorers: Kalantzi 31st
(SO); Jones 45th, Arnold 79th,
Rumora 82nd, Slater 83rd
(SO).*

*Venue: St George Stadium.
Crowd: 8225
Cautions: Dakos, Raskopoulos (SO).*

Referee: Jim Reeves 8.

fence by now in tatters — like a hot knife through butter — to make the score 4-1

It is fair to say, though, that before the final rout Olympic showed more spirit than before its coaching change

For sustained periods the team even played well, often matching its highly skilled opponents

After a tentative start Croatia did gradually assert its superiority, putting together a succession of delightful and eye-catching attacking moves.

Odzakov ruled supreme in midfield, exhibiting wizardry rarely observed in Australian soccer, while Slater constantly showed a clean set of heels to desperate defenders.

In spite of this Olympic struck the first blow, when an effervescent Kalantzi chested — or if you listen to Croatia, handled — the ball 10 metres out and seized his scoring chance without error.

It took until the final minute of the first half for a Jones header to even accounts, although this was also disputed — on this occasion off-side was the allegation.

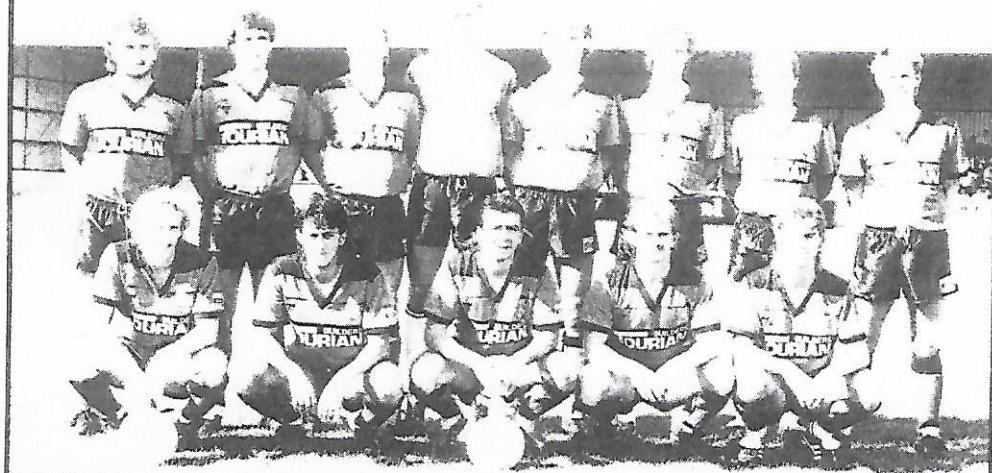
Winning coach Rozic was pleased with a spectacular win, but did admit to moments of anxiety as veteran goalie Gary Meier pulled off a succession of absolutely stunning saves between the Olympic posts.

All-in-all, it was an afternoon of thrashing, spectacular, pulsating soccer of the type we need to bring the crowds out in their thousands week after week.

Croatia already looks capable of challenging strongly for the NSL title, while Olympic looks promising in its attempt to overcome the internal drama and stagnation of the past few weeks.

What the Greek club now needs is a measure of internal peace and quiet, coupled with hard, hard work.

What it also needs is to give Peter Raskopoulos a few weeks on the sidelines to recover from a back injury from which he hasn't had a chance to shake off.



Preston Makedonia, 2-1 conqueror of South Melbourne Hellas last Sunday, back row: George Jolevski, Zoran Tasevski, Steve Jackson, Phil Trainedes, Billy Piculovski, Steve Gojevic, Zoran Iloski, Steve Smith. Front row: Mike McLennan, Veice Kondinske, Con Opasinas, John Stewart, Ron Campbell. Pictures: LES SHORROCK.

Tasevski hits Hellas hard



Preston Makedonia midfielder Steve Gojevic.

Juventus technically superior

APIA 2

Ad. Juventus 2

*Scorers: Vidmar 2nd, Villani 15th (AJ); Zajmi 76th, R. Brown 87th (AJ).
Venue: Lambert Park.
Cautions: ...
Cautions: M. Brown, Tredinnick, Brady (AJ); Mullen, White, Vidmar (AJ).*

There was an air of expectancy as the fans slowly streamed into the compact and beautifully manicured Lambert Park for APIA's first home game of the season.

A new direction for the club, many notable signings and a resounding win the previous week set the stage for an exciting game against a talented adversary.

The pre-match entertainment was the usual unexciting fare although the appearance of a glossy club magazine 'Intermezzo' kept the crowd amused by helping them identify all the members of the committee and then guess who the players from both sides were.

On Saturday, a promotion in the busy nearby Leichhardt Market Town shopping centre was organised to promote the club and its home games. The first team squad was on hand to give away some passes, T-shirts and balls.

On Sunday the players continued their benevolent mood and gave Juventus two simple goals in the first 15 minutes.

A corner in the second minute by Adrian Santrac found Aurelio Vidmar unmarked and the nippy striker scooped the ball through a crowd of strandedenders. Five minutes later Vidmar had the ball in the net again but was ruled offside.

After 15 minutes Vidmar



Mike Mikolajczyk

game into a physical confrontation.

Even though APIA pressed, Juventus looked likely scorers on the counter-attack and it was nearly 3-0 in the 69th minute when Sergio Melita made a clever break for Paul Wildi whose shot was deflected for a corner by goalkeeper Tony Pezzano.

They fielded four positional changes and played without a recognised playmaker; whereas Juventus, sharper and more composed, built moves neatly from the back, played wide on the flanks and generally made APIA chase the ball for 45 minutes.

After that not even the wildest optimist would have given the Leichhardt lads a chance; but then how quickly fortunes can change.

A change in tactics was desperately needed — APIA retook the field far more committed and turned the

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some dramatic moments as APIA combedar his goal. He coped a few solid bounces but his concentration remained intact and at point blank range from Rod Brown was proof of his class.

However APIA's relentless pressure showed no signs of fading and three minutes from time Rod Brown bagged the equaliser. He took a short pass from Hilton Phillips to drive the ball into the far corner past McNally's outstretched hands.

The APIA fans' jubilation at snatching one point was skin to a victory celebration. Juventus showed how technically and tactically superior it was and the home side needed all the guts, perseverance and character it could muster to save the day. This time it worked.

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Dick and Tuck hit hat-tricks

Caulfield 1 Croydon 0

At Princes Park on Saturday.
Scorers: Griffin 52nd (Caul).

This was Caulfield's fourth win on the trot (and thoroughly deserved too) and it spent out the message loud and clear that Caulfield is a definite threat to any title aspirant.

Another message that also came over on Saturday was that this is not going to be Croydon's year.

Dad's Army, alas, has had its day, by now it's due to demob. Hand in the piles and halberds, lads, and get round to the quartermaster's store for your civvy suits. Croydon's had a great couple of years, but even Liverpool has to rebuild from time to time, and shrewd Jimmy Tansey must know it better than most.

Caulfield was far too nippy for Croydon on the day, and the addition of Lou Theodosopoulos and Phil Griffin since I saw them last has added an extra dimension to their game.

One aspect of Caulfield's games never changes, though. Why do visiting teams persist in belting long, high balls down the middle when they are facing a pair of centre-backs as dominant in the air as Angie Koutos and Paul Harris? It's meat and drink to these two big lads, and it was the same story on Saturday.

This time it was Jimmy Nelson playing the Lone Ranger up front, with no Tonto anywhere in sight. Poor Jimmy labored away all day, but on the few occasions he got the ball at ground level he kept running into this blue-shirted brick wall with the result that I don't recall Robert Madjer in the Caulfield goal ever having a shot to save.

But whilst Croydon didn't get a shot on goal, Caulfield had plenty, but sprayed them all round postal district 3162.

The most significant statistic of the game is that only one goal came from a free-kick, rolled to Phil Griffin who hit superbly into the top corner of the net, with all the aplomb of Hoddle at his best.

But there was all, and that greatest of keepers Keith Waterman was hardly more extended than Madjer.

Does Takis Svingos ever give his players shooting practice, I wonder? Six goals from five games is hardly awe-inspiring, is it?

Talking of reinforcements for Croydon, one fortior spectator of this game was Andy Humble. Humble is in a twilight zone at present. He went from Croydon to Melbourne Croatia, together with Jim McLean, but now Croatia says he isn't ready for the NSL yet and is quite willing to let him go back to Croydon.

But no, says the VSF, the rule that enabled Chris Middlemass to go back to Nunawading City after a couple of weeks at South Melbourne last year has been changed and Humble will have to stay where he is until December.

Fancy, and I thought that the VSF was in the business of assisting players to play, not stopping them.

Croatia President Jack Skoblar says he is going to appeal for Humble to be treated as a special case. Maybe he should approach Jack Reilly,



Victorian State League with JOHN MANGAN

who promised when he was elected that he would right a lot of anomalies. At the moment it appears that Humble is being denied natural justice.

LES SHORROCK'S 5 Northcote 1

At Ralph Street Reserve on Sunday.

Scorers: Tuck 26th, 42nd, 73rd; Smallman 46th, 61st pen. (WS); Patiniotis 16th (Nc).

Northcote after a promising early spell capitulated at the hands of a Western Suburbs' team whose confidence is increasing.

The game was full of good signs for Suburbs, from the goal-scoring feats of Darren Tuck to the fitness of David Smallman who sprinted half the length of the field to score Suburbs' third and his first goal of the day.

Northcote's major problems were not in defence but in midfield and attack where the bigger, stronger Suburbs players dominated.

"We didn't give anything away at the back but the rules were not being applied as I learnt them and Polonia was given two gift goals. Polonia was stronger on the day but the 3-1 score was not an accurate reflection of the game," he said.

Polonia's first goal came from a Peter Czaplinski corner. Czaplinski, who was in form, had his corner cleared but as the Thomasown defence moved out the ball was played into the box to big Aki Kotzamichalis who slotted home his first goal for the season amid protests from Thomasown that he had been clearly offside.

Bleiberg's team went further ahead when Rab Nelson put a long ball through to Czaplinski. With Alex Marshall and Jan Wycislak in support Czaplinski nonchalantly knocked the ball onto the end of a lovely lob from Alex Marshall and blasted a shot from 25 metres to score the goal of the lead.

Ten minutes later though Tuck met a through-ball from the middle and look it into the penalty-area coolly slotting it past the advancing Glynneopoulos.

Tuck was on hand again three minutes before half-time when Billy Hamill powered his way through the middle and pushed the ball forward into the gap for Tuck to run onto and shoot into the back of the net.

Then with only one minute to half-time Suburbs scored the goal which perhaps sealed Northcote's fate when Tuck took the ball wide on the right and put in a delicate chip to Smallman who was racing like a stream-train and who made no mistake with his "miles offside".

With time running out for Thomasown, McMillan was pushed into attack. A Brian Coyle corner eight minutes from time was met by a thumping Frank Arcoraci header to put his team back in the lead.

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Only three minutes later the Institute took the lead when Alastair Edwards intercepted a throw-in deep in the Oakleigh half. He knocked the ball, which was bouncing forward, and then raced back towards the ball in the six-yard box where Paul Welch was on hand to head in the opportunist goal.

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Paul Foster could have added to his goal tally when he beat the Oakleigh defence but with only the keeper to beat he missed his shot.

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In the second-half Gus MacLeod's visiting Gully team came back into the game creating a few chances but Falcons remained the hard but unattractive struggle the match became.

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With Fawkner playing only

Polonia 3 Thomastown 1

At Raleigh Reserve on Sunday.

Scorers: Kotzamichalis 32nd, Czaplinski 58th, 80th (Pen); Arcoraci 82nd (Th).

An undermanned Thomastown was beaten by a Polonia team which reasserted its claim to the State League title going top of the table after its 3-1 win.

Miron Bleiberg's team dominated the game but Thomastown gave little away in defence despite the absence of some of the team's key players — notably Nino DiMartino, Russell Athersych and Robert Pianalto. Mike Lynn's team's injury problems were further aggravated with the taking off of Kevin Carfora late in the game.

Lynn was bitterly disappointed with the refereeing and attributed Polonia's first two goals to errors by ref Sam Zoumpanis.

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In spite of the unusually long trip Kiri Kalifatidis' team took the initiative and ran the ball at the Institute's players. This reaped its reward when Steve Gusic took the ball down the left wing and directed it. The Institute defence was unable to clear the ball and from the goalmouth scramble Paparas bundled it over the line.

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POLONIA	3	2	0	11	5	8
CAULFIELD	4	0	1	6	2	8
GREEN GULLY	3	2	0	9	6	8
ST DINAMO	3	1	1	10	5	8
Fawknar	2	2	1	6	4	6
Western Sub	2	1	2	8	6	5
Thomastown	2	1	1	3	3	5
Frank Pines	2	1	1	8	9	5
Springvale	1	2	1	5	5	4
Croydon	1	2	2	3	4	4
Morwell	0	3	1	3	5	3
Oakleigh	1	1	2	6	9	3
Box Hill	0	2	3	4	7	2
Broadmeadows	1	0	4	6	10	2
Northcote	0	0	4	2	10	2

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BOX HILL 2 (Burton 35th, D. Hennessey 74th) SPRINGVALE CITY 3 (Vasic 19th, Lynch, Loughnane 81st) at Wembley Park on Sunday.
BOX HILL: McKinlay 3 — Davidson, 6, McMillan 6 (McMorrow 70th), Hird 7, Roos 7 — Brimmer, 6, Burton 7, D. Hennessey 7 — Azzopardi 5 (Mon 70th), Mozzina 6, G. Campbell 6. Coach: George Murray.

SPRINGVALE Boland 6 — Barratt 7, Adams 7, Bissinger 7, Hobson 6 — Tait 7, Williams 7, House 7 — Loughnane 8 — Vasic 8. Coach: Bobbie McLachlan.

Best three: 3. Vasic (Sv), 2. McKinley (BH), 1. House (Sv).

CAULFIELD CITY 1 (Griffith 52nd) CROYDON CITY 0 at Princes Park on Saturday.

CAULFIELD Madjer 5 — Filippo 6, Harris 6, Koutos 7 — Michael 5 (Abraam H. T. 4) — Sahadis 5 (Tstridis 77th), Theodopoulos 5, Vassilis 5 (Koutsis 6) — Griffin 5, Theodopoulos 5. Coach: Takis Svigos.

CROYDON Waterman 6 — Brown 5, O'Reilly 4 (Brack 59th), Marshall 4, Tansey 5 (O'Shea 78th) — McDonald 4, Beech 4, Brogan 4, Livingstone 4 — French 2, Nelson 6. Coach: Jim Tansay.

Best three: 3. Theocarous 2, Koutsis 1, Harris (Ca).

AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF SPORT 3 (Poake 22nd, Welch 25th, Gibson 82nd) OAKLEIGH 1 (Paparas 7th) at Bruce Stadium on Saturday.

INSTITUTE Gunning 7 — Healy 8, Cummings 8, Mills 8, Kerr 8 — Foster 7, Polak 8, Clarkson 8, Mariana 7 (Gibson 80th) — Welch 7, Edwards 8. Coach: Ron Smith.

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FRANKSTON PINE 4 (Miller 15th, Dick 56th, 58th, 93rd) BROADMEADOWS 3 (Vizzini 16th, P. Kadelick 46th, 77th) at Monterey Park on Sunday.

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Best three: 3. Tuck (WS), 2. Smallman (WS), 1. Patiniotis (Nc).

MORWELL FALCONS 1 (A. Cassar 80th) GREEN GULLY 1 (Bruno o.g. 35th) at Northcote Reserve on Saturday.

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GREEN GULLY Denys 8 — Hopken 6, Cannell 7, McLellan 7, Douglas 6 — Cumming 6, Quigley 6, Carter 8, Ward 6 — Zemunik 6, Sweeney 6. Coach: Gus McLeod.

Best three: 3. E. Cassar (MF), 2. A. Cassar (MF), 1. O'Callaghan (MF).

POLONIA 3 (Kotzamichalis 32nd, Czernik 58th, 85th) THOMASTOWN 1 (Arcoraci 82nd) at Raleigh Reserve on Sunday.

POLONIA kiss 6 — Liparski (inj. Lake 30th 7), Kotzamichalis 7, Bennett 7, Smolarek 6 — Czernik 8, Flavel 8, R. Nelson 7 — Wycisk 7, Storm 7, Baran 7 (Marshall 75th). Coach: Miron Bleiberg.

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Stefanovski sent off, shock for Melita, Inter bounces back

Wollongong Wolves lost their first match of the year and Melita Eagles suffered an unexpected defeat at the hands of Freshwater Warringah at Melita Stadium in a round of shock results.

Sutherland led 1-0 through Craig Hall at Seymour Shaw but lost its lead within 10 minutes remaining. After scoring its first goal in the league, Sutherland is still without a win, but is also undefeated.

Uruguay paraded its star recruit Washington Gonzales at Cromer Park but to no avail. Mark Cimarosti, Manly's 1987 sensation, scored in the dying seconds to give the Sea Eagles their third win in four matches.

Newcastle went down to Canberra at Adamstown, but few would deny the guts and enthusiasm in its young bunch of players. The visitors will look set to take a point until very late in the match when Ray Juna ghosted in to score and give Canberra its second win of the year.

Inter Monaro bounced back to form to beat Rockdale Ilinden in an evenly contested match.

Manly Warr Uruguay 1

*At Cromer Park.
Scorers: Barker, 16th; Ci-
marosti 89th(MW); McKie
17th(U).*

Washington Gonzales, one-time star player with Nacional of Uruguay and Racing of Buenos Aires, faced Manly Warringah at Cromer Park. He came on as a substitute in the 55th minute and showed some nice touches, hitting the woodwork and exhibiting great ball control.

And while Uruguay's large following was admiring Gonzales, the locals had their own



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here — 19 year old Mark Cimarosti. He latched on to a pass from Etherington in the 89th to find the net and give Manly its third two pointer of the season. It was Cimarosti's fourth goal in as many games and he is now looming as the star in fear in this year's State League.

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Wollongong 1 Blacktown 3

*At Wollongong.
Showground 1280.
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Key 40th, Jeffery 50th(W).
Morland pen 86th(W).*

Eight yellow cards and one red was flashed at Wollongong Showground as Blacktown City Demons tackled Wollongong City Wolves for the top-of-the-table spot. And while the cards were evenly distributed, four a piece with one red going to Rade Ste-

fanovski of Wollongong goals and points were gleamed by the visitors.

Late tackles and over-the-ball tackles were used during this fiercely fought contest with the referee losing control of this match during the second period. He booked Stefanovski on a linesman's say-so yet failed to see the most blatant foul of them all — when Gary Byrne upended Pat Brodnik inside the area in the 83rd. The referee was only 10 metres away from the incident.

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Jeffery was involved in bringing down Roberto Giraldi midway through the first half and the yellow card was booked. Then the same player was booked midway through the second half! In the confusion over the bookings it was Kurt Reynolds who copped the yellow for an offence by Jeffery. In fact the man who should have been sent off for his second offence got the goal which sealed the issue!

Now back to the cards. Hristovski, Dickson, Stefanovski and Coakley received cautions for Wollongong City and Reynolds, Northam, Jeffery and McPherson made some brilliant saves for Blacktown against Wollongong.

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Sandy for Blacktown, Rade Stefanovski was sent off for a tackle from behind on Jason van Blerk.

Blacktown City Demons had the better of the first half and scored early through Thorntwaite. There was an element of luck in this goal. A shot by Sandy rebounded off one player, hit Thorntwaite on the head, then sailed past the keeper.

Blacktown continued to play strongly but Wollongong City created chances on the break. Easthorpe was the main offender. He was facing McPherson in the 16th but only managed to pass the ball to the keeper. In the 20th, Pat Brodnik rose high to head past McPherson but Easthorpe got his boot in the way and sliced it past the post! In the 27th it was Giraldi's turn. His shot was blocked by the keeper, but the ball rolled kindly for the Wolves' midfielder who struck it again but Maier was there to clear of the line.

For the visitors, only Brett

Turman came close when he broke in from the left then unleashed a powerful drive which was brilliantly saved by Young.

Blacktown struck through Paul Key close to half time. He beat the offside trap faced the keeper, walked around him, then tapped it into the net. Three chances to Blacktown and two goals. Three chances to Wolves and no goals.

John McFadden took Berringer and Hristovski off and brought on Dickson and Stefanovski. As it looked like the tonic Wolves needed, the home side almost lost the entire second period in the visitors' half of the park with drama unfolding inside the Demons' penalty area.

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Newcastle R 1
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*At Adamstown Oval.
Scores: A Reis 25th, June
30th (CG), M Drysdale 87th
(NR).*

An injury-time goal to Canberra decided the issue at Adamstown Oval to send Newcastle to its second successive home defeat.

Newcastle was set to share the points against the fancied visitors when Mark Drysdale rose at the far post to head past Economopoulos. A corner by John Cavanagh was followed by a flick header from Nigel Drysdale and his brother did the rest at the far post.

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Newcastle came back with gusto from the opening bell of the second period and created enough chances to run away with this game, but muffed them all and paid the penalty. Craig Penfold had the most glaring opportunity but failed to find the mark.

In the end, Canberra ran away with both points for the second week in a row just as all looked set for a draw. Palacios, Suarez and Gonzales looked well below the form of last week against Freshwater, with Suarez and Gonzales being replaced close to the end of the match.

Ray Juna was our man-of-the-match with Nigel Drysdale and Allan Reis not far behind with strong performances.

Melita Eagles 0 Freshwater 1

*At Melita Stadium.
Scorer: Knight 45th.*

Melita Eagles slumped to their first defeat of the 1987 State Bank League season and coach Dennis Hoggart must be worried about the inability of his strikers to put the ball in the net.

Melita had much of the play and managed to create a few good openings but to no avail as the visitors stumbled and fumbled in front of goal like novices. Paul McFadden was the main offender. He was on the spot in the 24th minute after Keith Warren, the Freshwater goalkeeper, dropped the ball following a shot by Andrew Callanan. McFadden managed to place his shot well over the bar from only a couple of metres away.

In the 36th, Greg Brown was through. He lobbed Warren but the shot hit the woodwork bounced back to McFadden then off of his feet and past the post!

One minute before half time, Brown managed to get through but his 12 metre shot slewed off the side of his boot.

Well, if you don't know how to score, Warringah Freshwater is in the mood for lectures. Steve Knight pounced on a long ball following a cross from Corrigan to head past the advancing Dagan Pupovac. The last seconds of the first half is not the time to concede goals but for Freshwater it was the tonic its players needed.

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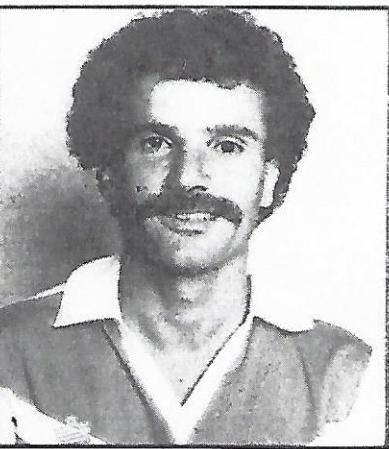
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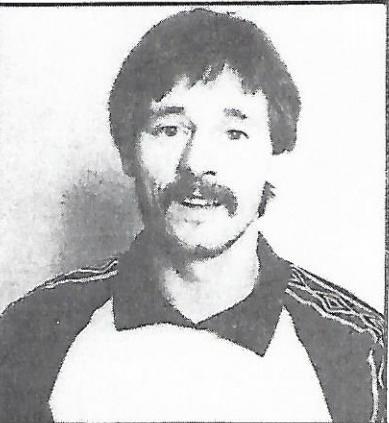
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The Chasers led at half time thanks to a well taken goal by Mark Berry.

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Inter Monaro scored through Joe Gagetti in the early period of the second half then took charge of the game.

Rockdale managed to get back into it for a spell and threw everything forward in the closing stages, but with little result the behind strikers kept firing blanks.

Samuel Giampaleo took his season's tally to two after scoring in the closing minutes against the run of play.

For Takac it is going to be one of those seasons. He's looking for a genuine striker with Tony Genovese and an out-of-touch Ristevski the only current options. Sasha Spirovski and Bruno Bedoni are yet to make their mark in this competition.

Linden's plight has not been helped by the resignation of Si-

Sunday 12/4/87 K.O. 2.30pm

BLACKTOWN CITY — KU-RING-GAI,
Gabbie Stadium

MACEDONIA W'GONG — INTER MONARO,
Berkeley Oval

ROCKDALE ILINDEN — MANLY WARRINGAH,
Hurstville

URUGUAYAN PENRITH — MELITA EAGLES,
Cook Park

CANTERBURY — WOLLONGONG CITY,
Arlington oval

CANBERRA — SUTHERLAND,
Bruce Stadium

FRESHWATER — NEWCASTLE ROSEBUDS,
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Pearce and Cimarosti the threats to Ilinden

By ALEX VESIC

Manly Warringah is among the leaders yet again.

Its unexpected solid form at the start of the season has brought last year's runner-up to within one point of the leaders after four rounds. Will Manly's dream run continue at Hurstville on Sunday?

If Wayne Pearce repeats last Sunday's effort and Cimarosti continues his form up from I'd have no doubt in offering Manly favoritism. It is however difficult to discount Ilinden at any time as it has many good players, but it must live its game if it is to succeed.

Blacktown City will have no end of trouble against Kuringai but will subdue this fighting outfit from the north, mainly due to superior speed and efficiency in the striking line.

Les Scheinfug will hope that his striking trio of Sandy, Throntwaite and Van Blerk will destroy Pepper and Co. I believe that this much will be tight and Blacktown will just edge out Kuringai.

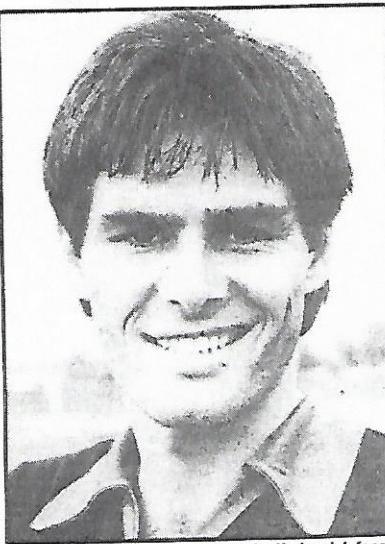
Macedonia Wollongong is overdue for a win in 1987.

Inter Monaro however, is the most unpredictable team in the State Bank League. It is going to be one of the best score-draws of the week.

Uruguay, the team which recently dumped Auburn as part of its name, will be known as Uruguay Penrith from this week on, and the reason for it is Cook Park. If you wish to have the use of the park it appears that you have to be prepared to be involved in the local community.

As a starting gesture, the club has been asked to change its name from Uruguay to Uruguay Penrith. But whatever name it's called, Uruguay is in all sorts of trouble as it faces Melita Eagles.

Canterbury will have to work overtime to keep



• Adam Sandy — facing up to the Kuringai defence this weekend.

Wollongong Wolves at bay and Sutherland is in for yet another draw.

Freshwater and Newcastle are on the menu at Graham Reserve. I fancy the locals to surprise Newcastle.

This is the programme for this Sunday with likely

winners in capitals:

BLACKTOWN v Kuringai, Macedonia v Inter (draw), Ilinden v Manly (draw), Uruguayan v MELITA, Canterbury v WOLLONGONG CITY, Canberra v Sutherland (draw), FRESHWATER v Newcastle.

State Bank League details

State Bank League standings

	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
BLACKTOWN CITY	3	1	0	9	2	7
MANLY WARRINGAH	3	0	1	5	2	6
CANBERRA	2	2	0	5	3	6
WOLLONGONG CITY	2	1	1	8	8	5
Newcastle Rosebuds	2	0	2	6	6	4
Melita Eagles	1	2	1	6	6	4
Sutherland	0	4	0	1	1	4
Freshwater	2	0	2	5	5	4
Uruguayan Penrith	1	1	2	9	7	3
Ku-Ring-Gai	1	1	2	4	5	3
Rockdale Ilinden	1	1	2	4	6	3
Inter Monaro	1	1	2	7	11	3
Macedonia W'gong	0	2	2	3	5	2
Canterbury	0	2	2	4	8	2

SUTHERLAND 1 (Hall 8th) CANTERBURY 1 (Andromidas 25th) at Seymour Shaw Park.
SUTHERLAND: Birchmore 7, — R. O'Shea 7, Ball 8, Terry 8, Seller 7 (Nelson 61st), — Harrington 8, Cox 7, J. O'Shea 7, Tasker 6, — Casbar 6 (75th Shared). Hall 7, — Hummel 8, — Vandarakis 7, Radman 8, Antoniadis 6, Mickovski 7, — George 6, Stamos 6 (Antonopoulos 55th — 6), — Geras 6, Borges 5, — Andromidas 6 (87th Angels), Arambasic 8. Best players: 3 Ball (S), 2 Arambasic (C), 1 Harrington (S).

INTER MONARO 2 (Gagetti 50th, Giampaolo 86th) vs ROCKDALE ILINDEN 0 at Queanbeyan.
INTER MONARO: Lippert not available. ILINDEN: Balmer 6, — T. Minervini 7, Boogard 7, D. Wilson 7, — Nastaski 7, Darlington 6, Rodas 6, — Spirivski 5, Genovese (Nikolovski 5th — Ristevski 46th — 8), Bedoni 5.

Second Grade

Newcastle — Canbera 0-5, Wollongong — Blacktown 0-3, Kuringai — Macedonia 2-0, Inter-Ilinden 1-3, Manly — Uruguay 6-2, Sutherland — Canterbury 1-0, Melita — Freshwater 5-1.

Second Grade standings

	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
URUGUAYAN PENRITH	4	0	0	10	1	8
BLACKTOWN CITY	3	1	0	20	3	7
MELITA EAGLES	3	0	1	20	2	6
KU-RING-GAI	3	0	1	5	5	5
Sutherland	3	0	1	11	9	6
Freshwater	2	1	1	11	7	5
Macedonia	2	0	2	3	7	4
Manly Warringah	1	1	2	3	5	2
Rockdale Ilinden	1	0	3	3	9	2
Newcastle	1	0	3	3	9	2
Wollongong City	1	0	3	2	8	2
Canberra	1	0	3	6	13	2
Inter Monaro	0	1	3	3	16	1

Second Division

Campbelltown — Fairy Meadow 0-4, Queens Park — Yugal 2-0, Maccabi — Dee Why 2-2, Avala — Polonia 1-1, Gladesville — North Sydney 2-1, Kingsford — Bathurst 1-0, Blacktown — North Bankstown 2-0.

Second Division standings

	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
MACCABI	3	1	0	8	3	7
POLONIA	2	2	0	13	3	6
FAIRY MEADOW	2	1	1	8	4	5
NTH BANKSTOWN	2	1	1	5	4	5
Kingsford	2	1	1	3	3	4
Yugal	2	0	1	4	3	4
Queens Park	2	0	2	4	3	4
Dee Why	1	2	1	3	3	4
Avala	0	3	0	4	4	3
Bathurst	1	1	2	2	2	2
Nth Sydney	1	0	3	4	9	2
Blacktown	1	0	3	4	8	2
Campbelltown	1	0	3	3	3	2
Gladesville	1	0	3	2	9	2

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RUSH STARTS THE ROUT

Wales, inspired by an early goal from striker Ian Rush, overwhelmed Finland with a powerful display of attacking soccer as it romped to a 4-0 victory to go top of its European championship qualifying group last week.

Rush struck after only eight minutes when he found the net with a perfect half-volley from Robbie James' cross from the right and further goals followed from winger Glyn Hodges, midfielder David Phillips and debutante striker Andy Jones.

The victory lifted Wales level on points with Czechoslovakia and Denmark in group six. All three have three points from two games, but Wales leads on goal difference.

Rush, who joins Juventus of Italy from Liverpool at the end of the season, gave Wales the perfect start with his 13th goal in 31 internationals, but its hopes were temporarily rocked only four minutes later when central defender Pat Van Den Hauwe collided with Ari Hjelm and was carried off.

Midfielder Mark Aizlewood came on as substitute and quickly settled into his unfamiliar role as Wales continued to confine the Finns to rare breakaways.

Hodges grabbed Wales' second and his first for his country in the 29th minute after two shots had been blocked.

Knowing a three-goal margin could carry it to the top of the group, Wales pushed forward incessantly and several shots were saved and blocked before Phillips volleyed home its third from Kenny Jackett's low drilled cross.

The Finns almost snatched one back in the 79th minute when Phillips had to clear off the line, but Wales was unperturbed and Jones grabbed an opportunist fourth goal three minutes from time.

Teams:

WALES: Southall — Blackmore, Van Den Hauwe (sub Aizlewood 11), Ratcliffe, Jackett — Phillips, Nicholas, James, Hodges — Rush, Jones.

FINLAND: Laukkonen — Pekonen, Ikaainen, Europaeus, Petaja — Turunen, Holmgren, Taurainen, Rantzen — Tainan, Hjelm.

England established itself as a clear favourite to qualify for the European championship finals from group four when it beat Northern Ireland 2-0 in very comfortable style.

First-half goals by captain Bryan Robson and winger Chris Waddle enabled it to take an early grip on the match and Northern Ireland, which battled fiercely without reward, rarely was allowed any chance to claw its way back.

Though England's performance did not compare with its impressive form in winning 4-2 in Spain last month, there still were sufficient pointers to suggest that it is developing into one of the most powerful sides in Europe at present.

England manager Bobby Robson said afterwards he was reasonably satisfied that scoring in typical manner in the 18th minute, in the process calming England's stretched nerves at the end of a fraught opening period.

The goal came from a long throw in by Gary Mabbutt, headed on by Terry Butcher, the England captain heading in his 19th international goal from close range.

Northern Ireland, reduced by injuries, had launched several determined attacks in the

opening stages, but Robson's goal settled England and it was little surprise when Waddle ran on to a diagonal pass from the impressive Peter Beardsley to score with a well-struck drive from 20 metres.

England, badly missing gifted midfielder Glenn Hoddle, failed to produce much inspiring soccer after the interval when it held the initiative and the game petered out, tamely with substitute goalkeeper Chris Woods replacing influenza victim Peter Shilton for the second half.

England manager Bobby Robson said afterwards he was reasonably satisfied with the result. He said: "Northern Ireland had their best period early on, but after that our first goal changed the face of the game."

"We were never in trouble again and although the second half was not so inspiring I am reasonably satisfied."

He said he was not prepared to talk about a bomb attack 100 metres from the entrance to the Windsor Park Stadium shortly before the game. He said: "I am a soccer manager, not a bomb disposal expert."

Teams:

NORTHERN IRELAND: Dunlop — Fleming, Donaghy, McGilligan, McDonald — Ramsey, Campbell, McCreery, Wilson — Whiteside, Worthington.

ENGLAND: Shilton — Anderson, Sansom, Mabbott, Wright — Butcher, Robson, Hodges, Beardsley — Lineker, Waddle.

Remaining fixtures: April 29

- Northern Ireland v Yugoslavia, Turkey v England, Oct 14

- Yugoslavia v Northern Ireland, England v Turkey, Nov 11

- Yugoslavia v England, Northern Ireland v Turkey, Dec 16 - Turkey v Yugoslavia.

GROUP ONE

Spain beat Austria 3-2 (halftime 1-1). Scorers: Austria — Manfred Linzmaier (39th minute), Toni Polster (64).

Spain — Jose Ely (31, 58).

Francisco Carrasco (90).

Attendance: 41,000.

Group One standings

	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Spain	3	0	0	6	3	6
Romania	2	0	1	9	2	4
Austria	1	0	2	5	7	2
Albania	0	0	3	2	10	0

Remaining fixtures: April 29

- Albania v Austria, Romania v Spain, Oct 14 - Spain v Austria, Oct 28 - Albania v Romania, Nov 18 - Spain v Albania, Austria v Romania.

GROUP FOUR

England beat Northern Ireland 2-0 (halftime 2-0). Scorers: Ian Rush (Eighth minute), Glyn Hodges (22nd), David Phillips (64), Andy Jones (87). Attendance: 41,000.

Group Six standings

	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Wales	1	1	0	5	1	3
Czechoslovakia	1	1	0	3	0	3
Denmark	1	1	0	1	0	3
Finland	0	1	3	1	9	1

Remaining fixtures: April 29

- Wales v Czechoslovakia, Finland v Denmark, June 3 - Denmark v Czechoslovakia, September 1 - Finland v Czechoslovakia, Wales v Denmark, October 14 - Denmark v Scotland.

Wales, Nov 11 - Czechoslovakia v Wales.

GROUP SEVEN

Bulgaria beat Ireland 2-1 (halftime 1-0). Scorers: Bulgaria - Ando Sadkov (41st minute), Lachezar Taney (82nd, Pen). Ireland - Frank Stapleton (52nd min). Attendance: 35,000.

Belgium beat Scotland 4-1 (halftime 1-0). Scorers: Belgium - Nico Claesens (9th minute, 55, 85), Frank Vercauteren (72). Scotland - Paul McStay (13). Attendance: 26,550.

Group Seven standings

	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Belgium	2	2	0	13	4	6
Bulgaria	1	2	0	3	2	4
Ireland	1	2	1	4	4	4
Scotland	1	2	2	4	5	4
Luxembourg	0	0	2	0	9	0

Remaining fixtures: April 29

- Ireland v Belgium, April 30 - Luxembourg v Bulgaria, May 20 - Bulgaria v Luxembourg, May 28 - Luxembourg v Ireland, Sept 2 - Luxembourg v Luxembourg, Sept 23 - Bulgaria v Belgium, Oct 14 - Scotland v Belgium, Ireland v Bulgaria, Nov 11 - Belgium v Luxembourg, Dec 2 - Luxembourg v Scotland.

Coventry, Spurs in FA final?

With all England's other major clubs eliminated, Tottenham Hotspur finds itself installed as overwhelming favorite to lift the FA Cup for what would be a record eighth time.

Spurs ooze talent throughout their line-up. Thirty-six-year-old Ray Clemence remains a world-class goalkeeper, Scottish international Richard Gough has quickly proven himself one of the best central defenders in the English League since moving from Dundee United last July, and England international midfielders Steven Hoddle and Gary Mabbutt feature in a midfield which also contains the evergreen Osvaldo Ardiles. Up front, Clive Allen has been scoring goals with astonishing regularity this season and, on his day, the enigmatic Chris Waddle can mesmerise any defence.

The playing personnel of semi-final opponent Watford is less impressive, but it does include the brilliant John Barnes (who, rumors persist, will soon be on his way to Italy), robust striker Luther Blissett and the reliable Marti Falco — a Tottenham player until late last year and obviously keen to prove a point or two at Villa Park.

If Watford can reproduce the fighting form which enabled it to topple Arsenal in the quarter-finals, it has an excellent chance of completing an admirable double elimination of North London's giants.

The other semi-final match is Coventry City with Leeds United.

Coventry has never previ-



Overseas round-up with PAUL MOON

ously appeared at this stage, but will be fancied to reach Wembley.

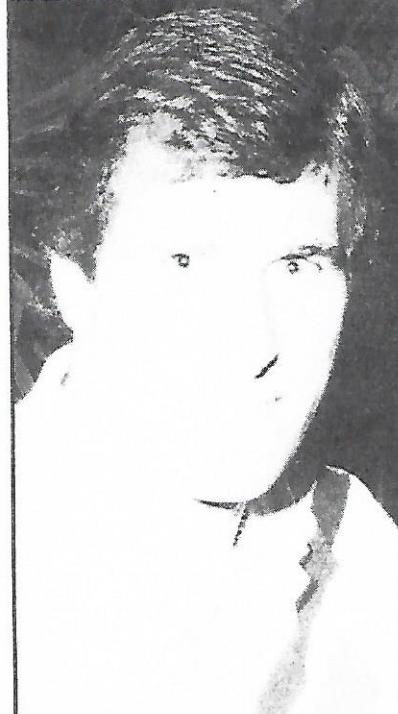
The Sky Blues' major claim to fame is a 20-year-long unbroken stint in Division One, during which they time and time again produced last-ditch, Houdini-like escapes from relegation.

Throughout this season, though, Coventry have been positioned in the top half of the table and under the energetic back-room team of manager George Curtis and coach John Silette, the Midlanders have developed into a very solid unit.

City's line-up does not boast many household names, but it includes two of British domestic soccer's most respected players in Brian "Killer" Icline, very rugged central defender, and robust striker Cyrille Regis, who is desperately unlucky not to have won more than four English internationals caps.

The rest of the side is made up of competent journeymen, most of whom are currently producing the best form of their careers, and the whole should overcome the last obstacle on the road to Wembley-Leeds United.

In the Watford v Arsenal game will be played this Sunday morning (Australian time) and the Leeds United v Coventry City match kicks off 24 hours later.



Spurs goalkeeper Ray Clemence — he's facing up to Watford in the FA Cup semis this weekend.

DIEGO'S A DAD!

Argentine star Diego Maradona last week became a father when his long-time companion Claudia Villafane gave birth to a daughter.

A hospital spokesman said the baby had been named Dalima Maradona.

The mother was reported in good condition following the birth, at the Clinica Del Sol in Buenos Aires.

Maradona, whose team Napoli is aiming to win the league championship for the first time in its history, is currently in Italy. He sent Villafane a large bouquet of flowers, the hospital spokesman said.

Another Dutch star will join AC Milan

• Ajax Amsterdam officials have confirmed that Dutch international striker Marco van Basten, Europe's top scorer last season, will join compatriot Rudd Gullit at AC Milan in June. The size of the transfer fee was not revealed, but is believed to be less than the \$US8,500,000 Milan paid PSV Eindhoven for Gullit.

• Turkey gained a heartening 3-1 victory over East Germany in a non-championship international at Istanbul.

• In Poznan, Poland beat Norway 4-1, as both teams prepared for upcoming European Championship fixtures.

• The draw for the semi-finals of the Scottish Cup is: Dundee United v Dundee, Hearts v St. Mirren. Both games will be played this Sunday morning (Australian time).

• Former Arsenal and Eire defender John Devine has been forced, at the age of 28, to quit the game because of complications which arose from a broken leg sustained last year. He has been with Stoke City for just over 13 months.

• The ever-improving Czechoslovakia defeated Switzerland 2-1 in a friendly international at Bellinzona.

• Yugoslavia boosted its morale for forthcoming European Championship battles with an emphatic 4-0 win over Austria in a non-championship international at Banja Luka.

• Israel, sent off 10 times in his professional career, has appeared before the English Football Association (FA) disciplinary committee twice this season and is due to appear again later this month.

• He has been at Logrono with the First Division club and manager Chris Nicholl, whom he criticised in a recent newspaper

ANOTHER BLACK DAY FOR FIJI

Touring Fiji players drank alcohol and fought each other at their Brisbane Motel before flying home last week, the Fiji Times reported.

A window at the suburban Moorea Motel was smashed and star midfielder Ievan Evans suffered a gashed left arm in one incident involving team mate Kelemei Vouaga, the newspaper reported.

Evans was taken to hospital and had eight stitches in the wound.

He was joined by Heron Khan, who accompanied the players on their controversial three-month tour of Queensland, said they had "once again blackened their name overseas."

Similar incidents on a tour of New Zealand in 1985 led to the Fiji Football Association paying damages to an Auckland hotel and Evans being suspended from the national team. Khan said he was "disgusted" with the behaviour of some players and would recommend that they never again be considered for overseas tours.

Khan named only players he said faced disciplinary action, including one who was missing from the Fiji team camp on several nights and was involved in the motel fight.

He said team members had defied officials by

ugly scenes with two Fiji players red-carded and coach Billy Singh alleged to have struck a linesman.

"Most of the team was drunk when it started the party last week after a drinking spree", Khan wrote.

In Suva, association secretary J D Maher said that "everything was settled" concerning damage at the motel before the team left.

Pending officials' reports, he said the association would consider suspending the team if it meant weakening the side for a year or more.

"Perhaps we have been too lenient in the past," he said.

The Fiji Times said in an editorial that the players had dishonored their country and called on the association to postpone all tours until it had a team that knew what constituted gentlemanly behaviour.

In recent years, Fiji players have forfeited a Pacific Games final to French Polynesia when the match was abandoned and the referees assaulted, and have misbehaved both on and off the field against New Zealand.

In 1984, two games in Fiji against the Kiwis were marred by ugly brawls — the first after a Fiji player was sent off for flattening two of his opponents.

As a result, FIFA banned Fiji for a year from playing international football.

apart from losing all three matches without scoring a goal, players were involved in a number of drunken incidents.

The Fiji Football Association had to apologize and pay \$A2,000 in compensation.

In domestic competitions, things aren't much better.

Only last weekend, a match between Suva and Nasinu was held off for seven minutes by a free-kick between players from both sides, with some spectators joining in, after the referee disallowed a Suva goal.

In another match, three players for the Valealevu club were sent off for attacking a Mandri opponent who was taken to hospital.

In yet another foul-ridden game, between Arsenale and Marist St Columbus, the referee handed out yellow cards like a poker dealer and sent off one player who pulled the ball from a referee's pocket.

In Fiji, players are often blatantly "fixed" with heavily-rated teams, for example, being paid to lose heavily to allow opponents to qualify for play-offs on goal average.

The Fiji Football Association has frequently disrupted the practice — but has taken no action to stop it.

In the care this year of former Soccercoach, West German Rudi Gutendorf, Fiji had hoped of a happier season internationally — until the Queenslan flare-up.

Gutendorf chose not to accompany the team to

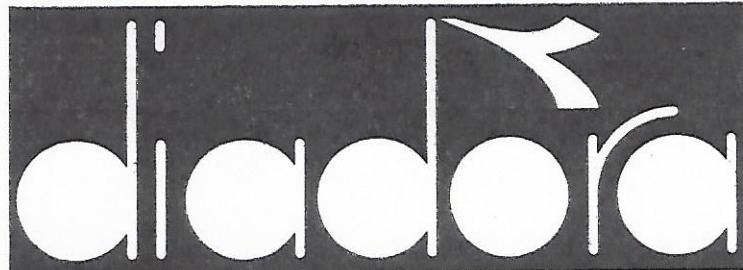
Guadalcanal for the tournament.

Southampton defender Mark Dennis,

who has one of the worst disciplinary records in English soccer, was dismissed by the club last week only a week after rejecting three possible transfers.

Dennis, sent off 10 times in his professional career, has appeared before the English Football Association (FA) disciplinary committee twice this season and is due to appear again later this month.

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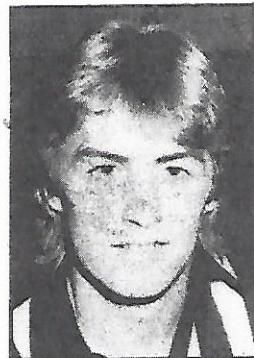
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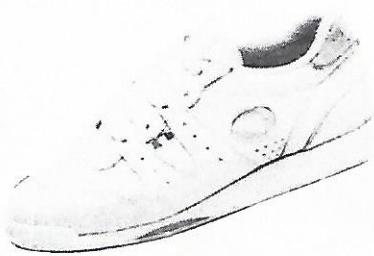
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Alla 10.15 della sera di sabato 28 marzo prima uscita del campionato 1987, i maggiori partiti degli spettatori presenti all'Olympic Park per Juventus-Marcioni, la maggior parte della stampa e sicuramente tutti i dirigenti della Juventus erano convintissimi che la formazione di McKendry fosse uno squadrone che avrebbe fatto tremare il mondo.

Alla 4.30 circa di domenica 5 aprile sarebbe stato interessante chiedere alle stesse persone una seconda opinione sulla stessa Juventus che aveva appena perso con un Melbourne Croatia che la settimana prima aveva beccato un sonoro 1-6 dal Sydney Croatia.

Fra venerdì 28 marzo ("grandioso trionfo" della Juventus) e domenica 5 aprile ("insperabile umiliazione" della Juventus) e' uscito il nostro giornale (giovedì 2 aprile) con un nostro commento che invitava ad una riflessione sui REALI valori espressi in campo dalla Juventus e dai Marconi il sabato prima. Una delle ipotesi che avevamo avanzato

in quel commento era che la Juventus aveva anche potuto giocare "con il morto" poiché i Marconi aveva ovviamente giocato molto al sotto delle sue vere possibilità rinunciando alla sua arma migliore di un attacco a tre (Nastevski, Maxwell, Farina) per la maggiore dell'incontro.

Altra ipotesi sulla quale inviavamo lettori, tifosi, dirigenti e tecnici a riflettere era che forse la Juventus prendeva reti che non avrebbe dovuto prendere (vedi reti segnata dal Marconi) perché la sua retrovia era tanto ermetica come sembrava d'oltre m'infesto non ancora riuscito in pieno di Incantalo e tra un terzetto (quando sarebbe un ottimo centrocampista di spinta) al posto dell'ottimo Campbell (venuto "come un vitello" al M.U. e del quale non si è poi contentati). Marconi (potenzialmente uno dei migliori portieri del futuro) al posto dell'ottimo ed esperto Banovic (messo alla naftalina perché nessuna altra squadra di Melbourne ha bisogno di un ottimo ma costoso portiere).

Dicevamo anche che forse l'attacco della Juventus non segnava molto perché Lane non era un sfondatore (all'inizio dei conti in tutta la Buffalo

Gold Cup e nelle prime due partite di campionato non ha segnato nemmeno una rete, manco per sbaglio) ma semplicemente un ottimo giocatore di manovra e di suggerimento: per di più Zinzi marcatissimo (una volta era Sweeney ad attirare la maggior parte delle attenzioni delle difese avversarie) ed irruente deve per forza di cosa sbagliare molte delle occasioni che gli si presentano.

Dicevamo tante altre cose sulla partita che era definita a ragione "la partita della verità" e che invece, secondo noi, non aveva prodotto molta verità perché la Juventus fosse così brillante come era sembrata e che il Marconi fosse così insipido come era stato.

Il dovere di un giornalista, specialmente se è vero di dirgli della Juventus come in questo caso, è quello di offrire per le persone e per le organizzazioni e personale per più rigore diventando "scribacchini" che dicono non quello che pensano ma quello che certa gente vuole sentire (il più grande presidente nella storia... il più grande allenatore nella storia...) il più grande giocatore nella storia) o di smettere di scrivere per gente

minacciati da certa gente che di calcio capisce poco o niente e che non sa nemmeno se "critica costruttiva" sia qualcosa che si mangia o che si beve!

E' bene anche far presente che se ci sono dei giornalisti ruffiani, incapaci o compliciti di certe situazioni (e spero che non ce ne siano), ciò non significa che tutti i giornalisti debbono essere ruffiani, incapaci e compliciti di certe situazioni.

In poche parole, essere accusati di essere "nemici della Juventus" solo perché si cerca di dare un'opinione onesta (anche se non corretta perché le opinioni non possono essere sempre vere) sia certa individualità che come società rende inutile lo sforzo degli individui e dei giornali al punto di far dire loro collettivamente: "Ma chi me la fare?"

Quindi ci troviamo nella situazione o di smetterla di fare il proprio dovere secondo l'etica giornalistica e personale per più rigore diventando "scribacchini" che dicono non quello che pensano ma quello che certa gente vuole sentire (il più grande presidente nella storia... il più grande allenatore nella storia...) il più grande giocatore nella storia) o di smettere di scrivere per gente



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che non sa leggere e che se sa leggere non sa capire e che se sa leggere e sa capire non vuole capire per il semplice fatto che non gli conviene capire perché la verità spesso offendente gente che non vuole accettare la verità?

Dato il tempo e lo spazio limitati, dobbiamo lasciare questo discorso a questo "a buoni intenditori poche parole". Dobbiamo anche precisare che, nonostante le apparenze questo non è uno "sfogo" personale, ma un ennesimo (quasi estremo) tentativo di far capire a certa gente negli ambienti calcistici che il calcio in generale e le varie società calcistiche in particolare non si "salvano" ne' si migliorano cercando di venderle fumo.

Molti dirigenti, giocatori, tecnici e tifosi sono ancora convinti che se i giornali scrivono che alla partita tale c'erano

10.000 spettatori e che la tale squadra del tale presidente e del tale allenatore ha giocato così bene da meritare di vincere 10-0, le sorti del calcio migliorano di molto e che dal prossimo anno sarà lo sport più popolare d'Europa. Ma una mia clientela partita c'erano soli 1.000 (mille) spettatori che la tale squadra del tale presidente e del tale allenatore ha in effetti perso per 0-10. Certo gente veramente crede che il resto della gente e' tanto stupida da non capire la differenza fra grosse bugie e piccole furture.

Se il calcio oggi non va tanto bene come meriterebbe e' perché in questo sport c'e' ancora tanta di questa mentalità retrògrada e ingenua (in alcuni casi persino si tratta di vera e propria disonestà).

Tornando a bordo, le critiche costruttive che avevamo mosso alla Juventus la setti-

mana scorsa, si sono dimostrate di un certo fondamento. Peccato che invece di prenderci per "nemici della Juventus" certa gente non cerca di spremersi le meninghi per pensare "E se queste critiche fossero veramente fondate? E se queste critiche veramente capiscono qualcosa di calcio? E se lo so e dicono che la pensano esattamente come me non sliamo i veri, unici padroni di questo sport da avere sempre ragione anche quando i risultati vanno contro di noi?"

Quante volte abbiamo scritto "ci auguriamo di sbagliare..." muovendo delle critiche! Quando invece abbiamo dovuto ammettere che, purtroppo, i fatti ci avevano dato ragione! Speriamo di sbagliarci anche questa volta e che la Juventus sia veramente uno squadrone dalla difesa ermetica e dall'attacco incisissimo!

"PLAVIMA" SE LOSE PISE

Tradicija se nastavlja. Heidelberg se preplatio na JUST-u, Beli ostrov je u snagu uveo klub. Aleksandar Dobrilo izgubljen utakmice ili grana nereseno sa JUST-om. Na karboni stab Dragoševac Sekularca nije mogao da doneše promenu.

Za razliku od prošlih poraza, ovog puta JUST je bio nemocan. Otkazala su navala i odbrana. Van forme je pola tima, dok je novijala iz Jugoslavije Aleksandar Radivojević potun promasaj.

Jedino opravdanje za tezak poraz jeste odsustvo Božinovog, koji je suspendovan crvenog kartona u utakmici protiv Zdravka Čolića, koji je odušio da odmeri prednjem nogu.

Posebe kave takve utakmice sa Makedonijom JUST je igrao sasvim neodgovorno i bez zelje za pobedom. Prosto je neverovatno kako jedan tim sa zveznim imenima može tako lako da se prepusti sudbinu.

Pokazalo se da nije dovoljno imati samo Sekularca za trenera. Treba imati i solidne igrače, koji znaju i mogu da ostvore zamsili svog trenera.

Makedonija je izvelika pouku

iz utakmice sa JUSTom i necevitivo da ga podeseni pobedi favorita Hellasa.

U sledecu susretu sa JUSTom za Nacionalni KUP, Makedonija učila se velikim oklapanjem, jer je u nedelji posle toglo slobođena, dok "plave" okejuje nos jedan neugodan protivnik na Schintler Reserve u Footscrayu, gde docekuje Hellasa.

Danas, u sredu 8. aprila igra se dupli program na Olympic Parku. Oba utakmice igraju se za Beach Fashion Cup. U prvom susretu, koji pocinje u 6.30 uveče, ponovo se sastaju Melbourne Croatia i Juventus. Dok će Croatia i još jedan dole za Juventus nastupiti bez glavnog motora i dirigenta igre John Yeendzona.

Drugi susret između JUST-a i Makedonije pocinje u 8.30 uveče ako se prethodna utakmica završi u regularnom vremenu. Za JUST će biti nesto lakše, jer ce modi da igraju Luka i Božinović, ali i Makedonija ce imati nadzor Ian Dobsona.

PREKORET U FORMI
SUNBURY UTD. — ALTO-NATA GATE VARDAR 3:0 (0:0). Navajici Vardara nisu mogli da prepoznaju svoje ljubljene, koji su neupisani osam dana zaboravili da igraju fudbal.

Jedino su u sredini radili i gradili Todor Drinovčki, Jonec Šerovski i Klime Asilimović, ali sti vred kada su navala i odbrana razgradjivali.

Sastav Altona Gate: Totti, Veljanovski, Derviševski, Šerovski, Drinovčki, Asilimović, Gelevski, Micevski, Georgievski (Bikicki), Gagic, Ristovski.

U predigri rezerva Vardara je pobedila drugi tim Sunburya sa 2:1 (0:0). Strelec Ivan Kralj je u 21. minuti jedan gol postigao je Pedro Gasco, posle toga loptu u prazan gol pred odlažak na odmor.

Sastav Sindjelic: Hrehorešin, Ž. Jovic (Bibović), Ž. Krnic (G. Orfandis), S. Janic, B. Jovic, Petrov, Gasic, Picioane, D. Janic, Gelic.

Rezerve nisu zavrsile utakmicu, jer je plava prekca, koja je imala bila triuta.

U subotu 11. aprila Sindjelic igra spektakl derbi sa Ringwood Srbjom na Yarraville Ovalu.

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SPRINGVALE UNITED — PORT MELBOURNE 2:2 (0:2). "Plavi" su igrali slab punih 80

10 minuta da povedu sa dva do tri gola razlike. Posto nisu iskoristili ceste sanse, primili su jetfine golove. Poskoci gol postigao je Pedro Gasco, posle toga loptu u prazan gol pred odlažak na odmor.

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TRI POBEDE U CETVRTOJ DIVIZIJI

WILLIAMSTOWN/MILDRED — HAWTHORN 2:1 (2:1). Strelec za Mildred: Drajan Nedeljković i u 21. Vasko Stojcevski u 46. minuti. Mali je broj klubova u cetvrtoj diviziji koji ce pobediti Hawthorn.

Mildred je mogla da

pobedi sa vecim rezultatom da su Dragana Nedeljković i Vasko Božinovski imali visu sreću pred protivnickim golom. Samo Božinovski je tri put pogodio prekcu.

Sastav Mildred: Milutin Cirić, Slobodan Sajnović, Graham Murray, Vasko Stojcevski, Lou Hanson (Zarko Stefanović u 45. minuta), Dragan Nedeljković, Venko Božinovski, Slobodan Dimitrijević, Nedeljko Mudrinic, Robert Belteki.

Najbolji igrači: Vasko Božinovski, Lou Hanson, Dragan Nedeljković, Slobodan Dimitrijević, Nedeljko Mudrinic, Robert Belteki.

Rezerva je izgubila sa 2:5 (0:4), jer je spavala devecine utakmice. Strelec: Marko Gvoždić i Dragisa Pantić.

U subotu 11. aprila Mildred je gospodar Keyborougha sa 3:1 na penale, dok je Springfield United svladavio South Springvale sa 4:2 (1:0). Strelec Peter Lutgens 2, Cane Televiski 2, Miran Bećirević.

LALOR SLOGA — HOLLYWOOD PARK 1:0. Sloga je sa ovom predponom izbita na celo 100%. U subotu 11. aprila igrači: Peter Lutgens, Diamond Creek Reserve, Mainz, Dr. Diamond Creek 1:0. PASCOE VALE PELLISTER — COBURG 2:1 (0:1). Oba gola postigao je Tony Centarriño. Pellister se razigrao tek u dru-

gon poluvremenu, kada je mogao da pobedi sa vecim rezultatom.

Sastav Pellister: Avramovski, Ristevski, Bonello, Šimović, Dzavornik, Valenčić, Belegrić, D. Niceski, Centarriño, R. Niceski, Bronco, Rezerve Jordano, Colaković i Gurićev.

Drugi tim je izgubio sa 0:0.

U subotu 11. aprila Pascoe Vale je igrali protiv Hawthornea sa 3:1. Strelec: Tony Centarriño, Vasko Božinovski, Lou Hanson (Zarko Stefanović u 45. minuta), Dragan Nedeljković i Vasko Stojcevski.

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ΟΙ ΑΓΡΗΣΕΣ ΤΟΥ ΝΤΟΚΕΡΤΥ ΣΤΙΣ 20 ΑΠΡΙΛΙΑΝ

ΤΗΝ ΔΕΥΤΕΡΗ ΗΜΕΡΑ ΤΟΥ ΠΑΣΧΑ θα γίνουν οι αγώνες του Α' γύρου για το Κόπελλο Ντόκερτυ. Οι συναντήσεις που θα δύνανται οι ομάδες μας είναι: ΟΦΑΚΗ-Κόμπουργκ, Μποντέλντος-Ερμής, Κόλαχαντ-Ντονιάστερ, ΕΡΑΚΑΗ-Πολάνια, ΠΑΝΕΛΛΗΝΙΟΣ-Γιαρράβια.

ΑΠΕΧΟΡΗΣΕΣ Η ΣΙΑΝΕΚ ΣΙΤΥ(ΧΑΚΑ)

ΜΕΤΑ την Ιη αγωνιστική ημέρα η Σίδενεν έστη απεκδόντες από το εθνικό πρωτάθλημα για να μείνουν οι ομάδες τέρα Ι. Ένα ακόμη σπουδαίο στα δύο επιπλέοντα, δηλαδή στα δύο βαθιά βρισκόμενα στο στάδιο του οντανός του Καπερό, θα δημιουργηθεί σε κάθε ομάδα μια ζεστή ζώνη στην οποία θα μπορεί να στολθεί η ομάδα της. Επίσης, η ομάδα που θα μείνει στην οπαδούσα ζώνη θα μπορεί να πάρει την πρώτη θέση στην ομάδα της.

Το δεύτερο αποκλειστικό της Χακάδα συζητίδειν εδώ και ένα χρόνο, είναι κάτιο που μας αναγκάζει να πιστεύουμε διότι για τα δύο της ομάδες που μένουν να συνεχίσουν, οι ποδοσφαιροπατέρες μας φέρουν μεγάλη ευθύνη.

ΝΕΑ ΒΑΡΕΙΑ ΗΤΤΑ ΤΟΥ ΗΡΑΚΑΗ

ΝΕΑ γένους από ήττα του Ηρακλής. "Έχασε με το βαρό 5-1 από τον Πανελλήνιο και τέρματα που πέτυχαν οι Τάκης 3, Σμόλιαν

ΤΟ ΕΥΚΟΛΟ ΦΑΓΩΜΑ

ΟΛΑ ΤΑ ΒΑΡΗ για την ήττα του Μέγα στην Αδελαΐδα από την ποικιλή Γλουκεστερίου, έπειτα στον έλλειπο αμυντικό Κόστα Παπά.

"Έτσι με την αύριο που ξέμερώνεται το έπειτα προσέρχεται το άλλο μέρος της παντού που θα συνέβαινε την ήττα του Μέγα στην Αδελαΐδα,"

Επικεφαλής της Ροζάννα η Κλαρίντα 3-1.

ΜΕΣΑ στην Ροζάννα η Κλαρίντα έχασε από την ποικιλή ομάδα 3-1.

Το γκέλα της Κλαρίντας πέτυχε ο Καμέρης και η σύνθετη ήταν: Κακούρος, Αδάμους, Μιάργκαρος (46' Κακούρος) Κρίκας, Μπότσικας, Ηλιάδης, Λακνήτης, Καμέρης 20', Κακούρος, Μπότσικας, Ηλιάδης, Λακνήτης, Καμέρης 20' Σεργιάνης (70' Βογιανιδης) Σελλός, Γουάντης 4-1 της Αδελαΐδας.

ΟΙ ΕΠΟΔΙΑΣ ΤΟΥ ΚΑΛΑΙΑΝΗ ΚΑΙ Η Β' ομάδα έχασε 5-3.

ΙΕΠΟΔΙΑΣ ΤΟ ΜΑΛΒΕΡΝ

ΜΕ 2 ΓΚΟΥ του Κριτσίδη και έναν του Γουάντης, το Μάλβερν έστη πάρα ισοπαλία 3-3 από το Κλέμπον.

"Έπιασε οι: Φλασόνιας, Παπαδόπουλος, Κριτσίδης, Καβαλάκης, Κλεμπόν Κυριαζόπουλος, Κοντοκόβατας (80' Σαβάνης) Τελέρης (70' Βογιανιδης) Σελλός, Γουάντης 2-1 η Β' ομάδα.

Η Β' ομάδα έφερε ισοπαλία 2-2 και με τέλη μερίτης των Πολιτιδίδη, Ζεύνο.

ΑΡΧΙΖΕΙ ΤΟ ΙΝΤΑΞΤΡΙΑ ΛΗΓΚ

ΤΗΝ ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ 12 ΑΠΡΙΛΙΑ ισχύει το πρώτη θέλημα της Ινταξτρία Λήγκ.

Στην ΤΩΡΗ η πρώτη της EAST αγωνίζεται της 3 Ελληνικής ομάδας μας.

Το Α' θέλημα θα έχει την Επικούρη της Στήβη και το Γκάρτεν έστη και το Σόθοβοτο λοιπότερην λοιπότερην.

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και η ομάδα της η οποία θα μπορεί να πάρει την πρώτη θέση στην ομάδα της.

ΚΟΝΤΑ ΣΤΗ ΔΟΣΑ ο κ. ΓΙΩΡΓΟΣ ΜΙΧΑΛΟΓΙΑΣΟΥ

Ο ΓΝΩΣΤΟΣ ΠΟΔΟΣΦΑΙΡΙΚΟΣ παρέργων κ. Γ. Ιωάννος Μιχαλόγιανος πρέπει να έχει στην ομάδα της Ελληνικής ομάδας μας.

Η Επικούρη θα έχει την Επικούρη της Σαβάνης και την Επικούρη της Σαβάνης.

ΜΑΝΟΔΗ ΑΝΕΖΑΚΗΣ

Ο ΜΑΝΟΔΗΣ Ανεζάκης υπέγραψε το νέο του συμβόλαιο με την ΕΛΑΣ. Μελβούρνης.

Ο νεαρός Ελληνας αμυντικός που έχει με την ομάδα της η ομάδα της Ελληνικής ομάδας μας.

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LEO BOZINOVSKI

FOOTSCRAY J.U.S.T.

VS

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SUNDAY, SCHINTLER RES.
K.O. 2.30pm



DANNY WRIGHT



FAB INCANTALUPO

BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS

VS

SYDNEY OLYMPIC

SUNDAY, OLYMPIC PARK NO. 1
K.O. 2.30pm



PETER RASKOPOULOS



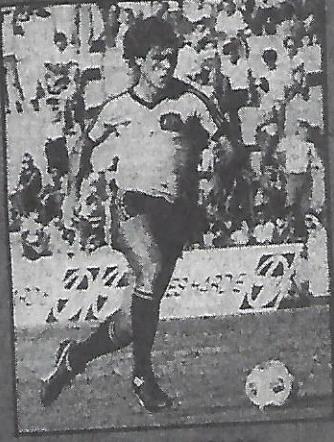
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A.P.I.A.

SUNDAY, OLYMPIC VILLAGE
K.O. 2.30pm



PETER KATHOLIS

ST GEORGE VS MELBOURNE CROATIA
ST GEORGE STADIUM FRIDAY 10/4/87 K.O. 7.15pm

SYDNEY CROATIA VS SUNSHINE GEO. CROSS
CROATIAN SPORTS CENTRE SUNDAY K.O. 2.30pm

ADELAIDE CITY VS MARCONI

SUNDAY K.O. 2.30pm